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"In all of your living, this New Year through
May the love of God abide with you!
Wherever you go; wherever you stay;
May the peace of God bless every day!" (Selected)

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Rev. K. MacLennan

THE UNCHANGING CHRIST

By THE REV. KENNETH C. MACLENNAN,

TORONTO, ONT.

(The Rev. Mr. MacLennan, a native of Inverness, Scotland, is a former Moderator of the Synod of Moray and Nairn, of the Free Church of Scotland. He has served the Presbyterian Church in Canada as Minister in the Maritimes; the first Minister of Kidd Memorial Presbyterian Church in Montreal, Que.; in Westminster Presbyterian Church, Toronto; has held Pastorates in Port Elgin, Fingal and Port Stanley, and latterly, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Pickering, Ont. Retired now, he is a member of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, Toronto.)

> *"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever."*
> (*Hebrews*—13, *vs.* 8)

IN THESE WORDS, written, with all their majesty of meaning, so many years ago, in the Epistle to the Hebrews, we have, still, the same strong and tested Anchor that holds fast the soul; the sure, true anchor, which, now as always, can keep us steadfast and firm in the Faith, no matter what clouds of uncertainty may engulf us; the protecting Anchor, which enables us, even in times like these, to look with calmness, surety, and hope, into the coming year, with the wonderful realization that we, too, can say with the Apostle — "The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."

"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and today, and forever." This is indeed a glorious affirmation. We are reminded of the words spoken by the angel of the Lord to Joseph, as recorded in Matthew—1, vs 21—"Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins." This was to be his human, earthly name; "Christ" was his official name, his official title. In his Epistle, the writer reminds the Hebrew people of the great teachers and leaders who have held rule over them during past history and have now passed away. The "yesterday" of our text was the period of those departed leaders; the "today" was the period of the writer and his readers; the "forever" meant their future. Jesus is the unchanging Jesus of all periods of life and time, because He is the Divine Son of God; the Christ of creation; the Jesus of the Incarnation; the risen, ascended, and exalted Lord. "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever; a sceptre of righteousness is the Sceptre of thy kingdom." (Hebrews 1—vs 8.)

Jesus *is* the Christ of all the ages — "the same yesterday, and today and forever." In Psalm 90, vs 4, the Psalmist tells us, "For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night." Time does not affect Christ. Time leaves its mark on all of us, but time does *not* leave its mark on Jesus Christ, "This same Jesus." Nor do changing circumstances affect Jesus. You will remember the Old Testament story of Joseph, and the butler in the Egyptian jail, who came to him for an interpretation of a very unusual dream. Joseph interpreted the dream to mean that soon this Chief Butler, who had offended his Master, Pharaoh, would be forgiven, and restored to favour in Pharaoh's palace. In return he asked only "think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness unto me; make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this prison." In due time Joseph's interpretation of the Butler's dream was fulfilled, and the man was given his butlership once more in Pharaoh's palace. But, alas, the last verse of Genesis, Chapter 40, tells us—"Yet did *not* the chief Butler remember Joseph, but forgot him."

Sin does not change Jesus, His love, or His great forgiveness, even for those who have denied Him. You will recall Peter's protestations of loyalty and love for His Master on that night in the Mount of Olives when he said to Jesus — "Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended." And again, "Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee." Yet before the cock crowed that coming morning, Peter *had* denied Jesus, three times. Then, realizing what he had done, "Peter went out and wept bitterly." Nevertheless, Christ's love and compassion overcame Peter's sin and fall, and His first message after the resurrection held a special word for Peter, given by the angel in the sepulchre—"Tell his disciples—and Peter—that he goeth into Galilee . . . there shall ye see him."

The "yesterday" of our text may be applied to the generations which have passed, and then the "today" is our own little life; or it may be applied to our own yesterdays, and then the "today" becomes this narrow present. In either application, the words of our text are full of hope and joy. In the former, they say to us that no time can waste; no drawing from the fountain can diminish; the all-sufficiency of that Divine Jesus Christ, in whom the Christians of nineteen centuries have trusted and found enlightenment. The "yesterday" of His grace to past generations is the law for the present, and the prophecy of the future. There is nothing that ever any past age has drawn of Him, which He does not stand ready to give today — courage and confidence; hope and wisdom; guidance and strength; love and consolation, righteousness and purity. Jesus Christ of a thousand years ago is the Jesus Christ of today, ready to help, to succour and to make us like Himself.

In the second reference, narrowing the "yesterday" to our own experiences, the words are full of consolation and hope. "Thou hast been my help. Leave me not; neither forsake me." Think back to the time in your experiences when Jesus Christ was most near to you, most tender, and soul-sufficing for you, and you may rest assured that He stands beside you still, ready to renew His former blessings and to surpass them in His gift. Man's love sometimes wearies; Jesus Christ's love never does. Man's basket may become emptied; Jesus Christ's is more full after distribution than it was before. This Fountain can never run dry. Yesterday lies consecrated in memory; tomorrow is radiant in hope; today seems poverty-stricken and prosaic. We must realize that the sky seems farther away from us right over our heads. Behind us, and in front, it seems to touch the earth. Here and now, is Jesus Christ, the all-sufficient and unchanging Friend, Who is always faithful, and never can deny Himself. "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

When this Epistle to the Hebrews was written it was in a changing world, an era of Revolution. The Temple was tottering to its fall; the Nation was ready to be scattered; the final destruction of the ancient system of Judaism, as an external institution, was drawing close. In this message to the Hebrews, the writer bids them lift up their eyes above all the chaos and dust of dissolving institutions, and to behold the true Eternal, the ever-living Christ. He warns them not to be carried about with divers and strange doctrines, but to keep fast to the unchanging Christ, "for it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace." (Hebrews—13—vs. 9.)

Now, again in history, we are living in a time of international change.

problems and perplexities — of fearful dread, and world-wide unrest; of Social, Spiritual, Theological, and Ecclesiastical questionings. Man's systems are like the shadows on the hillside. Jesus Christ is the Everlasting—the solid, unchanging Mountain itself. Much is in the act of passing. Let it go! Jesus Christ remains the same forever. Jesus dominates the ages. He has not left us yet, nor is He less available as our Refuge and our Strength. The one lesson of our changeful lives ought to be, for each of us, the existence of that which changes not. By the very law of contrast; the need of finding sufficient reason for these changes; we are driven from the contemplation of the fleeting to the vision of the permanent. Blessed are they who, in a world such as our present-day world, can penetrate to the still centre of rest and comfort, which is Jesus Christ, and say with firm assurance—"Thou, who movest all things art Thyself unmoved; Thou, who changest all things, Thyself changest not." Let the world with its revolutions and lust for power, turn you aside to the God of Peace and Love — that Jesus Christ who is the same forever, for that is the only foundation upon which the Christian can build, and, building, be at rest.

We mortals need Someone *unlike* ourselves, who does not change with the changing years. We also need Someone *like* ourselves. Both these needs are answered in Jesus Christ of Nazareth, and in Him alone. In verse 7, of this same Chapter the people are exhorted to remember those faithful leaders of the Faith, who have gone before. "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God; whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation." There is no congregation or group which cannot remember such Ministers and Leaders, whose words still linger in memories and lives. They have gone ahead, leaving behind a faith to be followed. Truly, "the end of their conversation" *should* be considered, and their wise, spiritual guidance carried on with the years. These, and all other earthly ties — sweet, tender, and infinitely precious — will be, or have been, inevitably broken in the passage of time. Some of these broken ties we already look back upon; some lie ahead in the coming years, for God's changeful Providence enters into all our lives. Paul bids us to think of Him who liveth forever, and Who forever is the beloved Companion, the home of our hearts, and the goal of our love. When our dear ones pass away, Jesus Christ is truly revealed to us "the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

Lastly, we think of the Unchanging Christ and the Eternal Love of Heaven, for the "forever" of our text is not to be limited to this present life. It runs on into the remotest future of Eternity. For Jesus Christ, the change between the "Today" of His earthly life, and the "Forever" of His ascended glory, made no change in the tenderness of His heart; His gift of love and forgiveness; or the nearness of His helping hand. When the Apostle John saw Him in His ascended glory, he fell at His feet as dead, because the Divine attributes of His nature had become so glorious. But then the beloved hand, the same hand that had been pierced by the nails on the cross, though it now held the seven stars, was laid upon him, and he heard again the same voice that he had heard in the Upper Room, saying to him — "Fear not; I am the first and the last; I am he that liveth and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for ever more, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." (Rev. 1—vs. 17-18.)

If you and I have Him for our very own — this same Jesus, Friend and Lover of our souls — then we do not need to fear change, for change will be progress; nor loss, for loss will be gain; nor the storms of life, which will but drive us to His breast; nor the solitude of death, for our Shepherd will be with us there.

"Love this Friend, He longs to save thee
O, how He loves;
All through life, He will not leave thee,
O, how He loves;
Think no more of friendships hollow
Take His easy yoke, and follow,
Jesus carries all our sorrow,
O, how He loves!"

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ANOTHER YEAR!

Earth giveth unto us
Another year —
Miraculous,
Her beauty to behold,
New dawns of rose and gold
New starlights to enfold
Our dreaming sphere.

Love giveth unto us
Another year —
Of marvelous
Ointment for weary feet,
A shadow in the heat,
Home welcomes, and hearth-sweet
Communion dear.

God giveth unto us
Another year —
All luminous
With Him, our shining Force
In life's bewildered course,
Of hope, our living source,
What then to fear? (Selected)

PRAYER

By MISS WINNIFRED RIPLEY,

Deaconess, Victoria, B.C.

Eternal and ever blessed God, our Father, we bow in reverence and humility before Thee. We praise Thy Holy Name, for by Thy mercy we live and have our being. Great is Thy faithfulness.

Almighty God, we thank Thee for the greatest gift of Thy redeeming grace. Grant that we may be Thy people, who have overcome by the power and love of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit keep before us how weak we are in ourselves, and lead us forth into complete trust in Christ.

Forgive us, O Lord, for the times we have been unworthy of Thy name, and when we have forgotten our responsibility as followers of Jesus. Righteous Father, we all have sinned against Thee, and our fellow man, but with Thee there is mercy and pardon. Grant that He, Who shed His blood for sinners, may come into our hearts, and, by His Spirit, cleanse and re-create us so that we may truly be Thy children, loving and serving Thee.

Our hearts are restless until they find rest in Thee, so give us now Thine own peace and grace, and the assurance of Thy living Presence always. Our Father, we offer to Thee our lives, praying that Thou wilt accept, and use every power with which Thou hast endowed us. Thou, Who hast given us the great privilege of being working partners with Thee, make us glad to serve Thee with all our powers, and to learn more of Thy will in serving Thee.

O, God, unite our hearts in love toward our brothers in every land, that, with them, we may serve Thee and live in peace with each other, that Thy kingdom may come, and Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. We pray for all those here and in other lands, who are yet in darkness of spirit, to whom the light of Christ has not yet come. We pray that the Gospel may soon be proclaimed in every land, and all may have the privilege of knowing Thy salvation. Sustain and bless Thy servants throughout the world, and, in the silence of our hearts, we remember those near and dear to us, and our Missionary friends everywhere.

O, God, we pray for our Church, our Country, the peace of the world, and all men. Rule them to the glory of Thy Name. Go before us, we pray Thee, guiding and directing, and shedding light upon the way before us, that all we say and do may be for Thy glory, and the establishment of Thy kingdom. For the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

GOD'S GIFT — A NEW YEAR!

By MRS. A. S. CURR

AS WE ENTER the New Year, the festival of our Lord's birth is fresh in our memories. We have renewed friendships and family ties; we have given and received gifts, as we have sought to remember that the first Christmas given to the world was God's gift of His beloved Son.

As one writer put it, "The first Christmas Gift was a Life, and the motive was love." Now we receive another gift from our Heavenly Father, a gift of 365 days. The New Year is hailed alike by rich and poor, old and young, with friendly greetings, sunny smiles, and generous good wishes.

What does this New Year give to us? A new page, clean and pure; new opportunities to work in the Lord's vineyard; to help others; to present a better witness to the world; to give more of our substance to extend His Kingdom on earth. Someone, writing in the daily press, has said "Canada is living in the lap of luxury." We, in this favoured land, have been given much, and, of us, much is required. Let us examine ourselves regarding this, as we start a New Year.

MRS. A. S. CURR

You can step into this New Year with confidence, if, each day, you remember this word in Genesis—Chap. 22 — vs. 14 — "Jehovah—jireh," meaning "The Lord will provide." This word tells you that you can trust God always. You have not passed this way heretofore. You will face disappointments, failures, and successes, just as you did in the past year. Yet you can enter the New Year with calm trust, putting away all anxieties and forebodings, because "the Lord will provide."

It is my happy privilege to wish all of you a happy and blessed New Year. Looking ahead to the year before us, I would bespeak for you, a continued consciousness of the strength of the Divine Presence in all your undertakings.

"Look back and read life's passing
story,
Has God e'er failed thee yet?
Did not His Presence go before
thee?
His love can'st thou forget?
Remember all the past, and trust
Him only
For future days to be,
If He is thine, thou can'st not more
be lonely,
He will be all to thee!"

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You and Your Auxiliary

HONG KONG — A CITY SET ON A HILL

By RUTH A. YEANDLE

(Note: Miss Yeandle, who serves in the National Department of the W.M.S. in work among the Chinese in Vancouver, visited Hong Kong in 1959-60. *She has been good enough to share what she saw with us.)*

THE VOLKSWAGEN BUS plunged through the thick darkness at what seemed like break-neck speed. Suddenly, rounding a bend in the narrow mountain road, a dazzling sight confronted us. It was the City of Hong Kong, a gem-encrusted crown culminating in Victoria Peak, nearly 2,000 feet above the sea. Kowloon, a sparkling necklace, with Kai Tak Airport at its centre, lay below. In the harbour little groups of lights showed where ships from many countries lay at anchor, and ferry boats plied to and fro between the two cities.

"A city set on a hill cannot be hid." The lights blazen the story of Hong Kong for all to see. The gleaming business section along the waterfront; the brilliant neon of amusement halls; farther up the hill, the homes of the well-to-do, topped by the warm glow of Queen Mary Hospital—this is part of the story.

Along the hillside back of us, a few lights shone through the darkness. These came from a plastic factory where a night shift worked; some lanterns showed a roadside brick kiln in operation; a row of lights in the Hakka village in the valley, told of farmers going to bed after a long day's work; twinkling lights on Junk Bay told of fishermen put out to sea for their night's catch. This is another part of the story.

But look more closely. Almost unseen in the glare of these other lights are the tiny lanterns of the squatters' match-box hovels, tier upon tier in the re-settlement areas. "A city set on a hill cannot be hid." The Communists eye Hong Kong as a sort of "middle-man" for their import and export trade; other countries see its value as a free port; and refugees see in it a glimmer of hope for freedom.

In 1961, it has been reported that 1,600,000 refugees fled from Red China to Hong Kong. These are packed into about 62 square miles! For, although the total area is something near 400 square miles, most of it is rocky or swampy, and therefore not suitable for habitation. In Wanchai, a district of Hong Kong, the population density is estimated at 2,000 people to every acre! In Canada, we have about five to the square mile! Considered by the United Nations as having the densest refugee population in the world, it is no wonder that it is also said to have 10,000 beggars.

As we wend our way down the hill toward Kowloon City, we will have to pass Wong Tai Sin resettlement area. This is one of many attempts by the Hong Kong government to house the unfortunate refugees in fire-proof apartments. This settlement can accommodate 70,000 people, in cement blocks nine stories high. Each family of five or more occupies a cubicle 10 ft. x 12 ft. x 9 ft. On the top is a penthouse, which serves as a school for over 300 children, and as a chapel where the Gospel is proclaimed on Sunday.

It was my privilege to attend a Thanksgiving Service at Wong Tai Sin on top of "C" block. I felt very much at home as I looked into the faces of happy Chinese children. These are happy because they have a place to live, food to eat, a school where they can learn, and especially because they had the glad tidings of Jesus and His love. In the audience that evening was a young actress, who had finally found satisfaction in the Lord Jesus. In spite of great success as a movie star, she had yearned for happiness. Fame did not bring it; her marriage also failed; but she found what she sought in Christ. In three months of witnessing to her own people, she saw 300 accept Jesus Christ as Saviour. She has a Bible class in her own home to which 100 people come each week.

Dwelling places and schools are apt to be found in the most unlikely places. On my first trip up into the hills, I noticed an interesting rock over-hang. I came back one day to get a picture of it, and found a washing hanging beside it. Someone had piled stone bricks around to make walls and had a cozy home for himself and his family! This was much better than the cardboard carton house in which I saw a man living at Holt's Wharf!

And the schools! One had two classrooms 20 ft. square, separated by a partial partition. In each room about 60 pupils competed for air to breathe, and to be heard. Another, well named "Yau Kwong" (have-light), was an open-air affair, with sea breezes blowing through it. It was not too bad so long as it didn't rain! This one had hopes of getting one of the pent houses on a resettlement block, that was being erected nearby. The most unusual school I visited was one on a boat. It is conducted by the Oriental Boat Mission, and has about 30 pupils who come and go in their small craft. These children belong to a group of people who number about 250,000. They spend their entire lifetime on boats.

My host in Kowloon was a medical doctor and we lived at his hospital, Canaan Sanatorium. Canaan is fortunate in that it has its own water supply from two wells on the property. Another hospital, Haven of Hope, is a mile down the road on Junk Bay. Both of these are T.B. hospitals. It is estimated that about 80% of the refugees in Hong Kong have this disease. I had been told of Kwong Wah Hospital. One day I had the opportunity to visit there. We went first to the maternity ward. It is the largest maternity ward in the world, having brought 2,300 babies into the world in one year. Such a sight met my eyes as I had never thought to see! Every single hospital bed had two patients. At the end of each bed was a small hammock affair, and in each hammock slept two babes, head to toes! Other wards proved to be just as crowded.

One of the most interesting people I met was Mr. Gus Borgeest. He was trying to devise a scheme to help drug addicts, as he had helped refugee farmers. When Mr. Borgeest, with his wife and daughter, came to Hong Kong from internment camp in Shanghai, he had $2.00 in his pocket. He saw the difficulties of the mainland farmers because of the rocky, mountainous nature of the country, so he managed to get an island which he called "Sunshine Island." To it he took his family and two refugee farmers, housing them in thatch-roofed cottages. In spite of its name, the first night four inches of rain fell. This was followed by a typhoon, which destroyed the whole project. This intrepid adventurer for God started all over again, building this time with stone. His project turned out to be so successful that the government sees other spheres of usefulness for him. One has said of Mr. Borgeest, "He doesn't differ from most of us in believing that God calls us to a life of loving service. He does differ from most of us in that he *acts* on that belief."

"A city set on a hill cannot be hid." Hong Kong cannot hide its beauty, neither can it hide its tremendous needs. What can we do about the needs of Hong Kong?
"A city set on a hill cannot be hid."
"Let your light so shine!"

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THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR

The Past is now a story told;
The Future may be writ in gold!

THE TREASURER PRESENTS THE ESTIMATES

FOR THE FIRST TIME, it is my privilege to present to our members the Estimates for 1963. These were accepted by Council in May, and now become our working objective for this new year. The sum estimated for the conduct of the work of the Society is $407,765.00, exclusive of the Supply Estimate of $19,390.00.

If you compare the estimates in the January 1962 issue with the present issue, you will find many things to encourage you. In the National Department you will find new work among the Chinese in Sudbury and many changes in the locations of the deaconesses, indicating a growth and wide coverage of our Canadian responsibilities. Two names are missing, but you will find them in the Overseas Department — Miss Athalie Read in British Guiana and Miss Tamiko Nakamura in Japan. You will find four new names in the Overseas Department-appointments in 1962—Miss Merle McGowan in British Guiana—Miss Doreen Morrison in India—Miss Elsie Taylor and Miss Anne Howson in Nigeria.

You will not find a "New Work" item at the end of this year's estimates. This item has now been included under the various departments. The Organization Department requires and has estimated for an Adult Secretary. The Overseas Department has indicated 'Immediate Staff Needs'—one each, under Bhil Field, India, Nigeria, Koreans in Japan, and Formosa. These are urgent requests from the fields, and there are four possible and probable persons preparing to fill these vacancies. The Presbyterian Church in Formosa requested six, but only one can be considered this year. The small salary estimate for each indicates that appointments will be made later in the year. In the Supply Estimate, you will also see the outfit allowance for each of these girls, if and when appointed.

Miss E. Luzetta McClelland

You will realize that in this modern world all businesses employing staff operate on salary schedules, pension plans, medical insurance, etc. You will realize too, that buildings and equipment need to be kept in repair, maintained in good order, renewed when worn out or inadequate. These are some of the obvious reasons why the budget increases each year. The Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada is 'Big Business' — as seen through the Estimates which follow.

This is more than an 'Objective' for 1963. It is our Commitment for the work entrusted to us by our Church. It is our "Pledge of Allegiance" to our workers at home and abroad, for whose livelihood we are responsible — these are they who have gone forth for us who cannot go. It is our "Pledge of Concern" for the life and growth and confidence for all for whom, and with whom, we work, whether at home or abroad. It is our own life line too, as we seek to obey and carry out our "marching orders."

With these thoughts in mind, I would leave with you an excerpt from the official statement issued by the International Missionary Council at the conclusion of the meeting held in Willingen, Germany, in 1952. The theme of the meeting was "Calling the Church to Mission and to Unity." "We who have been chosen in Christ, reconciled to God through Him, made members of His Body, sharers in His Spirit, and heirs through hope of His kingdom, are by these very facts committed to full participation in His redeeming mission. There is no participation in Christ without participation in His mission to the world. That by which the Church received its existence is that by which it is also given its world mission: 'As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you.' "

"When all things are shaken, when familiar landmarks are blotted out, when war and tumult engulf us, when all human pride and pretension are humbled, we proclaim anew the hidden reign of our crucified and ascended Lord. We summon all Christians to come forth from the securities which are no more secure, and from boundaries of accepted duty too narrow for the Lord of all the earth, and to go forth with fresh assurance to the task of bringing all things into captivity to Him, and of preparing the whole earth for the day of His coming!"

E. Luzetta McClelland
Treasurer

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GIVING

"God gives us joy that we may give,
He gives us joy that we may share;
Sometimes He gives us loads to lift
That we may learn to bear".

W.M.S. ESTIMATES FOR 1963

NATIONAL MISSIONS

Executive Director — Miss Giollo G. Kelly, B.A.

CHINESE IN CANADA

Montreal, Quebec: Miss Louise Gamble, Mrs. G. P. Louie, Miss Kathryn Wu
Toronto, Ontario: Miss Margaret Near, B.A., Miss Gee Bun Lee
Sudbury, Ontario: Miss Mary Duffin
Windsor, Ontario: Miss Elsie Lee
Vancouver, B.C.: Miss Ruth Yeandle, Miss Susan Yeung, Miss Annie Wilson, L.L.C.M.
Victoria, B.C.: Miss Dorothy Spring, Miss Grace Lee
Furlough Expenses—Salaries and Expenses .... $ 36,440.00

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Birtle, Manitoba and Cecilia Jeffrey, Kenora, Ontario
Salaries and administration paid through Indian School Funds.

HOSPITAL VISITORS

Vancouver and New Westminster, British Columbia: Mrs. George Mitchell
Edmonton, Alberta:
Winnipeg, Manitoba: Mrs. G. W. Bradley
London, Ontario: Miss Lila Schneider
Toronto, Ontario:
Montreal, Quebec: Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale
Salaries and Expenses .... $ 14,905.00

DEACONESSES AND INSTITUTIONS

Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School: Miss Helen Ross, salary paid through Indian School Funds
Presbytery of Victoria, B.C.: Miss Winnifred Ripley
Presbytery of Westminster, B.C.: Miss Ellen Douglas
St. Matthew's Christian Education Centre, Vancouver, B.C.: Miss Lillian Reay, Kindergarten teacher
Presbytery of Red Deer, Alberta: Miss Hilda Blackwell
Presbytery of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan: Mrs. Robert Wyllie
Presbytery of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan: Miss Evelyn Murdoch
Presbytery of Winnipeg, Manitoba: Miss Dorothy McCombie; Miss Bernice Barker (Expenses Indian Account)

Presbyterian Fellowship House, Winnipeg: Mr. R. Denholm, Mrs. R. Denholm
Presbytery of Temiskaming, Ontario: Miss Martine Jansen van Beek
Presbytery of Hamilton, Ontario: Miss Sheila Stephens
Presbytery of West Toronto, Ontario: Miss Hazell Davis, Deaconess
Presbytery of East Toronto, Ontario: Miss Flora Whiteford, Miss Florence Goertzen
Presbytery of Montreal, Quebec: Miss Catherine Watson

Salaries and Maintenance	$ 53,550.00

IMMIGRATION

Miss Dorothy Lukes, and summer assistant Salaries and Expenses	$4,440.00	
Printing of letters of welcome and Social Service	200.00	
		$4,640.00
Maintenance of Missionary Vans		1,500.00
Student Deaconesses (4)		4,300.00
Transportation of Summer Workers		700.00
French Work		700.00
Executive Director: Salary	4,100.00	
Expenses	500.00	
Secretary	3,000.00	
		7,600.00
Contingency		1,900.00
NATIONAL TOTAL		$126,235.00

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Executive Director — Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A.

INDIA

Jhansi Field	
Salaries:	
Miss Edith Magee, B.A., Miss Margaret Leask, B.A., M.R.E., B.Ed., Miss Diana Wadsworth, B.A., M.R.E.	$8,000.00
General Conduct of Work:	
Educational	4,650.00

General Maintenance and Repairs	2,000.00	
Mission Business	450.00	
Medical Assistance, H.M.M. School	300.00	
	$7,400.00	$15,400.00
Bhil Field		
Salaries:		
Miss Irene Stringer, Miss Mary Sherrick, B.A., B.Ed., Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., Miss Margaret Kennedy, Miss Agnes Hislop, Miss Pauline Brown, Reg.N., Miss Ida White, Reg.N., Miss A. Prendergast, Reg.N. (Balance of salary paid by Knox Church, Toronto), Miss Helen Acton, Reg.N., Miss Doreen Morrison, Reg.N., Immediate Staff Needs (1)	$26,900.00	
General Conduct of Work:		
Evangelistic	2,730.00	
Medical — Mobile Units	6,000.00	
Educational — Schools and Hostels	5,600.00	
M. G. Abey Memorial Home	550.00	
General Maintenance and Repairs	6,000.00	
Mission Business	900.00	
Christian Education — Special	450.00	
Language Study	400.00	
	$22,630.00	$49,530.00
Co-Operative Work:		
Vellore All-India Christian Medical College:		
Mrs. L. W. Gehman, Reg.N., M.A.	2,800.00	
Grant to Vellore	1,150.00	
Ludhiana:		
Grant to Ludhiana Maintenance	2,000.00	
Indore:		
Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N., B.Sc.N.—Salary and Expenses	3,000.00	
Allahabad Agricultural College	500.00	
National Christian Council of India	200.00	
Serampore Theological Seminary	350.00	
		10,000.00
India Total		$74,930.00

BRITISH GUIANA

Salaries:		
Miss Margaret Ramsay, Miss Merle McGowan, Miss Athalie Read	$8,100.00	
General Conduct of Work:		
Missionaries, Rent	1,800.00	
Car Allowance and other travel	1,500.00	
Miscellaneous	100.00	
Deaconesses, and student deaconesses	2,400.00	
	$5,800.00	
British Guiana Total		$13,900.00

NIGERIA

Salaries:		
Miss Agnes Gollan, B.A., Miss Dorothy Bulmer, L.R.C.T., Miss Elsie Taylor, Reg.N., Miss Anne Howson, Reg.N., Immediate Staff Needs (1)	$11,400.00	
General Conduct of Work:		
Car Allowance and Travel	900.00	
General Expenses	400.00	
Training Courses, et cetera	200.00	
Rent — Misses Taylor and Howson	800.00	
Contingency	200.00	
	$2,500.00	
Nigeria Total		$13,900.00

FORMOSA

Salaries:		
Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg.N., Miss Dorothy Douglas, Miss Isabel Taylor, A.T.C.M., Immediate Staff Needs (1)	$9,700.00	
General Conduct of Work:		
Evangelism	2,360.00	
Field Work	1,030.00	
Travel	1,500.00	
Maintenance of Property (including $1,500.00 for taxes)	2,000.00	
Mission Business	250.00	

Conferences	300.00	
Hsin Chu Bible School (Kindergarten Teacher's Salary)	550.00	
Formosa Secretaries' Consultation	110.00	
Language Study	200.00	
	$8,300.00	
Formosa Total		$18,000.00

KOREAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN JAPAN

Salaries:		
Miss Tamiko Nakamura, Immediate Staff Needs (1)	$4,300.00	
General Conduct of Work:		
Christian Education Leadership	5,800.00	
Young People's Camp	200.00	
Expenses — Miss T. Nakamura	1,300.00	
	$7,300.00	
Japan Total		$11,600.00

MISSIONARIES' EXPENSES

Furloughs:		
Returning to Fields — Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Miss Helen Acton, Miss Beatrice Scott	$2,400.00	
Coming from Fields — Miss Pauline Brown, Miss Edith Magee	1,400.00	
Cost of Living in Canada — Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Miss Beatrice Scott, Miss Helen Acton, Miss Pauline Brown, Miss Edith Magee, Four New Missionaries	2,220.00	
Travel in Canada for consultation with Council Executive	200.00	
Missionaries' Expenses Total		$6,220.00
Executive Director, Salary	4,200.00	
Expenses	500.00	
Secretary	3,000.00	
		7,700.00

Overseas Contingency	2,500.00
Directors' Administrative Visits	1,000.00
Department of Overseas Missions	1,100.00
OVERSEAS TOTAL	$150,850.00

ORGANIZATION

Executive Director — Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

Executive Director
Departmental Secretaries:
  Adult Work
  Teenage Work—Miss Helen Tetley, B.A., M.R.E. (paid by the Board of Christian Education)
  Children's Work — Miss Mabel Booth
Regional Secretaries:
  Miss Ruby Walker, Miss May Nutt, Miss Margaret Boyd, Miss Clare Hanes, Miss Dorothy Keller, B.A., Miss Lois Powrie, Miss Barbara Woodruff
Stenographic Secretaries:
  Miss Marjorie McMullin, Miss Margaret Tranmer

Salaries and Expenses	$39,500.00	
Secretarial Expenses	7,500.00	
Secretarial Libraries	225.00	
Conduct of Committee Work, including the distribution of magazines for Girls' and Children's Work and Field Letters	1,285.00	
Deputation	2,500.00	
Camps and Conferences	1,500.00	
Training Projects	1,500.00	
Contingency	1,000.00	
ORGANIZATION TOTAL		$55,010.00

PUBLICATIONS

Executive Director — Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry

Executive Director: Mrs. A. J. Cherry
Assistant to the Director: Mrs. Isabelle Spark
Senior Stenographer: Miss Flora MacPherson

Senior Stenographer: Mrs. Dorothy Hudson
Mailing Clerk: Mrs. Norma McComb

Salaries and Expenses	$14,850.00	
Annual Report and Report Forms	4,400.00	
Glad Tidings	3,000.00	
Free Literature: To include—Promotion Leaflets, Complimentary subscriptions to Glad Tidings	950.00	
Annual Mission Report of G.B.M. & W.M.S.	350.00	
Expenses — Glossy Prints, Council Publicity	250.00	
Contingency	300.00	
PUBLICATIONS TOTAL		$24,100.00

GRANTS

United Nations Society	$ 10.00	
Commission on Missionary Education of the National Council of Churches	175.00	
Canadian School of Missions and Ecumenical Centre	1,700.00	
Women's International Union, Presbyterian Alliance	25.00	
Committee on Missionary Education of the Canadian Council of Churches	100.00	
Committee on Christian Vocation of the Canadian Council of Churches	200.00	
Africa Committee of the Division of Foreign Missions of National Council of Churches U. S. A.	100.00	
Grants Total		$2,310.00

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Church School Material, British Guiana	$500.00
Christian Literature for Formosa	600.00
Christian Literature for Women and Children on Mission Fields, Incorp.	300.00
Christian Literature for British Guiana	250.00
Christian Literature for India, through National Christian Council	400.00

Christian Literature for Africa, through International Committee on Christian Literature for Africa	1,000.00	
Christian Literature for India, "The Christian Home Magazine"	1,000.00	
Christian Literature for Chinese, through Council of Christian Literature for Overseas Chinese	500.00	
Christian Literature for Latin America	500.00	
Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature	1,000.00	
Christian Literature for Koreans in Japan	550.00	
French Literature in Canada, through French Advisory Committee	600.00	
"L'Aurore" through French Advisory	500.00	
Italian Literature in Canada	300.00	
Hungarian Literature "New Life"	500.00	
Ukrainian Literature "Evangelical Truth"	1,500.00	
The Kuban Cossack Magazine, through Rev. Michael Fesenko	500.00	
World Christian Books Africa S.S. Curriculum Study Centres Per D.O.M.	400.00	
The British and Foreign Bible Society	1,500.00	
Unallocated amount	500.00	
	$12,900.00	
From Legacy Fund	5,000.00	
		$7,900.00

ADMINISTRATION

Salaries:		
Assistant to the Treasurer and Secretary, Miss Myrtle Rose; Bookkeeper, Miss Florence Hedley; Senior Stenographer, Miss Pauline Kujanik		$9,100.00
Office Rent	9,360.00	
Auditing	700.00	
General Expenses	5,000.00	
Travelling Expenses of Council Executive	2,000.00	

Life Membership	300.00	
Exchange	200.00	
		17,560.00
ADMINISTRATION TOTAL		$26,660.00

INSURANCE AND TAXES

W.M.S. Property and equipment, including Camps, Vans and Liability Insurance		800.00

STUDENT WORK

Student Christian Movement		
Brazil and Mexico and Chile	$1,100.00	
World Mission Committee	950.00	
General Budget	75.00	
Friendly Relations with Overseas Students	150.00	
		$2,275.00
COUNCIL MEETING, EXPENSES, TRANSPORTATION, ET CETERA		6,500.00
AUDIO-VISUAL EDUCATION		1,000.00
MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR STAFF		2,400.00

SYNODICAL GRANTS

British Columbia	400.00	
Alberta	300.00	
Saskatchewan	250.00	
Manitoba	225.00	
Hamilton and London		
Toronto and Kingston		
Montreal and Ottawa	50.00	
		$1,225.00

SUMMARY OF 1963 ESTIMATES

NATIONAL MISSIONS	$126,235.00
OVERSEAS MISSIONS	150,850.00
ORGANIZATION	55,010.00
PUBLICATIONS	24,100.00
GRANTS	2,310.00

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE	7,900.00
ADMINISTRATION	26,660.00
INSURANCE AND TAXES	800.00
STUDENT WORK	2,275.00
COUNCIL MEETING	6,500.00
AUDIO-VISUAL EDUCATION	1,000.00
MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR STAFF	2,400.00
SYNODICAL GRANTS	1,225.00
GENERAL CONTINGENCY	500.00
	$407,765.00

SUPPLY FUND ESTIMATE 1963

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Jhansi Field, India		
Hostel Assistance — Helen Macdonald Memorial School	$ 300.00	
Bhil Field, India		
Evangelistic	130.00	
Mobile Medical Units	2,500.00	
Educational — Schools and Hostels	7,270.00	
M. G. Abey Memorial Home	840.00	
Outfit Allowance (1)	300.00	
British Guiana		
Supplies for Training Classes and Church Schools	550.00	
Nigeria		
Outfit Allowance (1)	300.00	
Formosa		
Outfit Allowance (1)	300.00	
Medical Supplies	600.00	
Music Supplies	250.00	
Christian Education	250.00	
Korean Christian Church in Japan		
Outfit Allowance (1)	300.00	
Books, Equipment, etc.	1,000.00	
		$14,890.00
NATIONAL MISSIONS		4,000.00
ORGANIZATION		500.00
		$19,390.00

SAM ISAAC

WINNER OF THE NATIONAL CONTEST

By MR. N. M. RUSAW,

Principal, Indian Residential School, Birtle, Manitoba

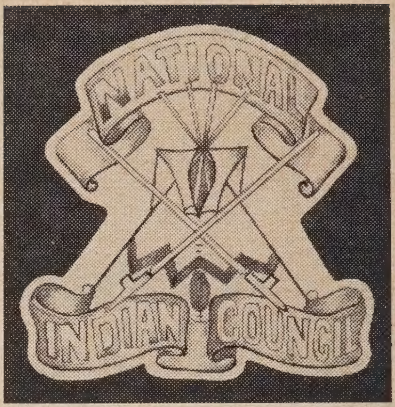
A DESIGN by fifteen-year-old Sam Isaac has been chosen as the National Emblem of Canada's Indians. This design was adopted by the National Indian Council of Canada, at its second annual meeting held in Toronto during the latter part of 1962. The competition for a design was announced early in 1962 by the Indian and Metis Organization in Winnipeg. It was open to people of Indian origin across Canada.

The emblem is made up of two peace pipes, crossed in front of a wigwam (in traditional Indian colors). As red is the traditional Indian color, so red predominates in the design of the emblem. The background is of buckskin yellow, the traditional color of Indian clothing, with touches of blue, representing the sky and the close relationship of Indian life with nature. The design is not a copied piece of work, but an original creation by Sam himself.

At the time of designing the emblem, Sam was a grade eight student in Miss May Kenny's classroom, the teacher-Principal, and teacher of grades seven and eight at the Birtle Indian Residential School. This position she has held for nineteen years. Her interest in the Indian people has prompted her to encourage her students to develop their artistic talents. She is constantly in search of competitions for her students. It was through her encouragement that Sam prepared this fine piece of work, which won for him the fifty dollar award.

Shortly before this success, Sam was presented with a citation for having an Honorable Mention entry in a poster contest, sponsored by the Prairie Provinces Forestry Association. His entry was in the senior division of the Manitoba School Poster contest. Sam also has received many prizes for his art, in the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba, at Brandon.

Sam is a Cree Indian from the Ochapowace Reserve near Broadview, Saskatchewan. His primary schooling was at other schools, but for the past four years he has been a resident student at the Birtle Indian Residential School. In September, he continued his studies as a grade nine student at the new Birtle Collegiate. As well as having artistic talent and being a fair student, he is also very active in sports. He plays on the Collegiate football team, and is a good hockey player. In Bantam hockey, he was awarded the Robin Hood Flour Company trophy for the player considered most valuable to his team.



The Emblem

Sam has not had the privilege of knowing a home life. His mother died when he was young, and the family was scattered. He spent his holidays with his aunt and other relatives. This past summer he was employed on the farm at Birtle School. Here he is learning farming, and is becoming quite competent in handling livestock.

The award for the design has not been made as yet. It will be presented to him at the banquet at the Indian and Metis Conference, which will be held some time in February of 1963. This occasion Sam has to look forward to with special interest.

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NEW YEAR'S GREETING

May you have —

The Gladness of the New Year,
  Which is Hope;
The spirit of the New Year,
  Which is Peace;
The joy of a New Year
  Which is Friendship;
The surety of a New Year
  Which is Love;
The heart of a New Year,
  Which is God! (Selected)

THE STORY OF "BIG MURKY WATER"

By (MRS. S. M.) JESSIE W. GORDON

(With her husband, Dr. S. Moore Gordon, Mrs. Gordon has now returned to Canada, after many years of Missionary Service in Formosa, for the Presbyterian Church in Canada, latterly in the Hsin Chu Bible School. She is a daughter of the late Dr. A. B. Winchester, for a great many years minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto.)

THE VILLAGE of Big Murky Water is situated at the place where two rivers enter the sea, after a rapid descent from mountain tops several thousand feet high. Most of the time, only small streams flow down the wide expanse of sand and rock. The river banks are cultivated, wherever good top soil has been washed down in the storms, which come with fair frequency. A bamboo Church was built among the grass-thatched homes, and there a group of Christians were worshipping on our first visit, some eight years ago. All were new believers, since the Gospel Message had reached their village not more than five years before. There were about fifty members on the roll; no proper leadership; and much confusion through the teaching of other sects, and their own scanty understanding of the Word of God.

Our next visit found them in a most pitiable condition. A sudden flash-flood had filled the river beds, and rushing head-long down the slopes, had carried fields and crops, as well as some homes down to the sea. Instead of green fields, were great boulders, and uprooted trees. When the floods subsided, they tried to salvage sweet potatoes on the beach, but found them unfit to use. So, once again, they had to hew out new fields on the mountain side, and plant again.

In addition, they were disappointed in one of their young men, who had been studying at the Bible School, preparing to be their Pastor. He is a cripple, having lost one leg and the use of one arm, in an accident. Possibly his decision to go to Bible School was to satisfy his craving for an education, and to ensure a job. When another sect offered further study, and a higher salary, he left the Presbyterian Church, and went off to the city, to their training school. The son of a Chief, he was proud and arrogant, but highly intelligent. Certainly not prepossessing in appearance, and with a speech impediment, it seemed as though everything was against him.

But, "God chose the weak things of the world to shame the wise," (R.S.V.), and has made of this man a really powerful leader. As he studied, the Spirit opened his eyes to the truth, and he recognized the fallacy of turning from God's free gift of grace to legalism! In true humility, he returned, and begged to be re-instated. His own home Church did not want him, but hearing of another village, with a tiny nucleus of believers; no Church building; no established congregation — only two baptized Christians —he offered to go and minister there without salary. With never-failing zeal, he taught and ministered to young and old, always avid for more study himself. Within a year, the request came for a Service of Baptism, because 65 now wished to join the Church. So, a new congregation came into being! Later, he was given opportunity for further study, and was chosen as one of the first ordained Pastors in his tribe.

A later visit to "Big Murky" reveals many changes. They are now eager to have their own Pastor Ch'en. A strong congregation has been built up, and the old Church is no longer large enough to accommodate them. Just before leaving for furlough in 1958, we were shown a huge heap of stones, and one of sand. These had been patiently collected from the river bed, and carried, by basket-loads, to the Church site. Slowly the fund to buy other necessary materials was growing — cement, timbers, and windows. A tithe of their small crops of sweet potatoes and peanuts is not of great monetary value, but there is no other source of income. They all practice tithing, not only at harvest time, but on the first of every month, when each member brings a tenth of all he has had, in addition to the regular offering. In addition, there are frequently special offerings for the Bible Society, or for another Church Building Fund, maybe in a far distant village, or even another tribe. These — from people whose average income is less than ten dollars a month! We were delighted to receive a special gift from an R.C.A.F. Station in Germany, to help hasten the goal.

On our return, we found the village rejoicing in a beautiful stone Church, built by their own hands; a congregation of 140 communicant members; self-supporting, and contributing to Home Mission Work. The Women's Organization, of 57, is very active, meeting twice a week for prayer and Bible Study, and dividing between them the care of the Church Building, as well as any cases of need in the Community. Where there is illness or trouble, some of the women will go to cook, care for the sick, or the children in the home. There is an active Young People's Group, who are instructed by the Pastor in Catechism, Bible, and singing. They sometimes go out to witness, in other places, to the joy and peace they have found.

Not long ago, a number of ex-soldiers from the Mainland were brought into the village to construct a new bridge. Since Pastor Ch'en, and the young people, can speak the National language, as well as their own dialect, they undertook to hold a Service for them each week. Though there were few Christians among them, they were glad to listen, and learn to sing, and so the seed is sown. The economic situation has improved greatly. No longer is there the waste through drink; a new and living hope has inspired a desire for better homes and surroundings. Pastor Ch'en has built a model home, and was recently awarded a prize by the Government for the most improvement in home and garden.

Last year, we found ourselves marooned for five days in "Big Murky." One of the devastating typhoons arrived without warning, striking the East Coast. This was our first sight of the rivers in full flood. With a roar like Niagara, within a few hours the valley was filled with rushing water, carrying trees and boulders which crashed against the bridges, and washed away the approaches. Many spent the night in the Church unable to reach their homes. Early next morning, visitors began to arrive at the Manse door. One brought a chicken; another, a few eggs; someone else, a little bag of rice or beans. Thus, for five days we were fed, by these precious "ravens" of the Lord, out of their own poverty. Each afternoon and evening, the Church was filled for Bible Study and Prayer. Instead of bemoaning their losses, they took advantage, voluntarily, of this opportunity to learn more of the riches of God's grace.

Truly, God has chosen these weak and despised ones to reveal to us our own poverty and neglect of things eternal, and to inspire us to greater zeal in seeking those things which are Above!

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SYNODICAL GIVINGS

JANUARY-OCTOBER 1962

	1961	1962
British Columbia	5,673.20	5,200.00
Alberta	4,600.00	5,077.01
Saskatchewan	3,846.67	3,799.79
Manitoba	5,048.84	5,724.00
Hamilton & London	66,308.04	53,262.75
Toronto & Kingston	49,698.00	56,871.35
Montreal & Ottawa	30,801.70	34,039.54
	$165,976.45	$163,974.44

Anniversary Corner

GLIMPSES OF SYNODICAL BEGINNINGS

By JEAN STEWART, B.A.

(*This issue contains brief outlines of early history in the three eastern Synodicals; next month will feature the four western Synodicals.)*

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

The first 'formal' women's missionary work originated in Montreal, where, in 1864, the "Ladies Auxiliary Association, in connection with the French Work of the Church of Scotland" was formed. This group became known, in 1875, as the "Ladies' French Evangelization Society" and, in 1882, as the "Montreal Woman's Missionary Society."

In 1873, the Nesbitt sisters of Montreal organized a society for prayer and study, in Brockville, and, in 1875, the North Georgetown and English River Auxiliary was formed. Lancaster Auxiliary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was organized in 1876. Other "pioneer" societies in the area were Prescott, in 1884; Lachute, Russeltown, Covey Hill and Athelstan, in 1885; Brockville Presbyterial, in 1885; Ottawa Presbyterial, in 1887; St. Andrew's, Aylmer East, in 1888.

By 1914, when the Montreal group became part of the amalgamated Women's Missionary Society, there were 49 Auxiliaries and 10 Mission Bands. After amalgamation was consummated, Provincial Societies were formed to decentralize local responsibility. As a result, the Quebec Provincial Society was organized.

After the 1925 split, the Provincial Society continued its vigorous work, and by the mid 1930's it had 2 Presbyterials, 138 branches, and 3,000 members. The Synodical Society of Montreal and Ottawa was organized in 1947, and now includes four eastern Ontario Presbyterials, as well as the two in Quebec. Today, in the 6 Presbyterials, there are 174 Adult groups with a membership of 4,700, and another 2,000 members among girls and children.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

There are early scattered records of small groups of women meeting independently for prayer and mission study throughout Ontario during the mid-19th Century. In the 1860's and early 70's, a group in Belleville, under Mrs. William McLaren, and in Fergus, under Mrs. Smellie, are recorded. The "formal" start of the work came with the organization in Toronto in 1876 of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. An executive Board of Management, centred in Toronto, directed the work at the beginning. Although based in Toronto, the organization spread quickly in a wide radius. Between 1880 and 1890, 25 Presbyterials were formed in the Province.

Toronto was also the centre of the organization of the Atlin Nurse Committee (1899), and the subsequent Women's Home Missionary Society, for work in the Canadian Northwest. In many congregations and Presbyterials in Ontario, there were parallel W.F.M.S. and W.H.M.S. societies, until the amalgamation in 1914.

By 1925, the Ontario Provincial Society reported 1,942 branches, 62,482 members, and contributions of nearly $266,000. After Church Union, the remaining groups carried on devotedly in rebuilding and supporting the mission work assigned to them.

In the re-organization of "Synodicals," replacing "Provincials," the Synodical Society of Toronto and Kingston was born in 1947. It now comprises 12 Presbyterials in Central and Northern Ontario, with a membership of 10,500 (or over 16,000 including girls' and children's groups.)

HAMILTON AND LONDON

In Western Ontario, also, there were very early pioneer groups of women who met to pray and work for Missionary outreach. There was, for example, a Missionary group in Woodstock as early as 1852. Most of the groups, however, were formed after the organization in 1876 of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. We read of groups in Seaforth in 1877, Teeswater in 1878, a Presbyterial Society in Hamilton in 1878, and a group in Ingersoll in 1879. Rev. George and Mrs. MacKay of Formosa founded the Kincardine group in 1881.

Between 1880 and 1890, the organization proceeded rapidly, both in local congregations and in Presbyterials. Stratford Presbyterial was formed in 1884, Chatham in 1885, Sarnia in 1886. The Presbyterials in Western Ontario also became vitally involved in the Women's Home Missionary Society movement, with Hamilton being among the first to participate. These came together, of course, in the amalgamated W.M.S. of 1914 and became part of the Ontario Provincial Society of the W.M.S.

Many of the groups were depleted following 1925, but the important work of rebuilding continued. In the 1947 reorganization, the Synodical Society of Hamilton and London was created. Today it comprises 10 Presbyterials with a membership of 15,216 women, girls and children.

(In the September "Anniversary Corner" page 19, under "Presbyterials" it was stated — "the First W.M.S. Presbyterial organized was Lancaster Presbyterial." That Presbyterial was mentioned several times in the early annual reports of the W.F.M.S. between 1876 and 1880, which were

quoted in the History of the Society published in 1934. However, it has been called to our attention by Glengarry Presbyterial that no Presbyterial was organized in that area until Glengarry Presbyterial came into being in 1883.)

Correction—National Missions Staff—1962-63
Miss Hilda Blackwell—5A Everglades Apts.,
Red Deer, Alberta.

In Remembrance

Name	Church	Presbyterial
Mrs. James Burry	St. John's, Toronto	East Toronto
Mrs. J. Shand	St. John's, Toronto	East Toronto
Mrs. J. Waddington	St. John's, Toronto	East Toronto
Mrs. Flora J. Munroe	St. Andrew's, Lancaster	Glengarry
Miss Edith C. MacLachlan	St. Andrew's, Lancaster	Glengarry
Mrs. J. Ferguson	Knox, Vernon	Kamloops-Okanagan
Mrs. Robert Lewis	St. Andrew's, Camden East	Kingston
Miss Sara McGeachey	Presbyterian, Dorchester	London
Mrs. Wm. Russell	Presbyterian, Lucknow	Maitland
Mrs. A. M. Robertson	Ephraim Scott Memorial, Montreal	Montreal
Mrs. Elizabeth McNaughton	Knox, Briercrest	Moose Jaw
Mrs. Scott Hamilton	Presbyterian, Atwood	Stratford
Mrs. J. C. McKay	First, New Westminster	Westminster
Mrs. Annie (Barry) Robinson	St. Paul's, Vancouver	Westminster
Miss Helen Irving	Knox, Milton	West Toronto
Mrs. R. E. Gollins	Knox, Milton	West Toronto
Mrs. M. E. Gowland	Knox, Milton	West Toronto

THE PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED CHURCHES of NORTH AMERICA

Request your presence

at the

YOUTH ASSEMBLY

PURDUE UNIVERSITY, INDIANA

July 19th to July 25th, 1963

R.S.V.P.

This is *your* invitation to be a part of the North American Reformed and Presbyterian Youth Assembly, a great gathering of 2,200 youths and adults next summer. Senior teens between the ages of fifteen and seventeen, along with adult leaders, from all over North America will be meeting to study together the question, "What is God calling us to be and do, as youth of the Reformed churches within the ecumenical movement?" In other words, how can we, the youth of our church, fulfill our mission in the church and in the world?

If you accept this invitation you will be one of the 100 Canadian Presbyterian delegates attending the Assembly, together with delegates from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the Hungarian Reformed Church in America, the Presbyterian Church U. S., the Reformed Church in America, the United Church of Christ, the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. There will also be 200 delegates from overseas churches. Some of these delegates will be teenagers who have been studying in American high schools for the past year, some will be world church leaders.

Dr. Lewis Mudge, former Theological Secretary for the World Presbyterian Alliance, and at present chaplain at Amherst College, Massachusetts, U.S.A., will lead a Bible study each morning based on the Assembly theme "Come, Creator Spirit." The whole Assembly will then divide into small groups of about fifteen people, to discuss the implication of Dr. Mudge's lecture.

A variety of interest groups will be open to delegates each afternoon. Those interested in creative writing and newspaper work will prepare the daily Assembly newspaper. The audio-visual interest groups will include actual work in preparing and using such things as tapes, filmstrips, etc. Those who want to experiment in painting, drama, and music will have their opportunity in activity groups.

Before supper you will have time for a swim in the Purdue University pool; time to visit over a coke with other delegates; to pursue the book displays; or to do whatever you wish. The evening programmes will differ from night to night, but included in the six evenings will be drama presentations, films, recreation, and an opportunity for each of the denominations to meet alone, in order to discuss how to apply and share our learnings back home.

You will notice the invitation says "R.S.V.P." — "Repondez, s'il vous plait." In order to attend you must answer the invitation and here's how you do it. Each Presbytery may send one team consisting of three youth and one adult. Application forms and directions for applicants have been sent to all Ministers and Leaders of all registered youth groups. Your C.G.I.T. has the information. Fill out the form and send it to the NARPYA representative in your Presbytery. Your minister and leader have a list of the NARPYA representatives.

The cost for each delegate will be $50.00 (U. S. funds) for room, board and registration. Travel costs will be in addition. Your NARPYA representative will tell you how the total costs are to be met in your Presbytery, but it is hoped that delegates, local groups, and congregations, will all share in the financing.

This is a family reunion! So let's make sure our branch of the family is well represented with a number of girls and leaders from our girls' groups.

Helen Tetley, B.A., M.R.E.
National Secretary for Teen-age Work

Note re pages for the ANNIVERSARY BOOK

In the information sent out and in the December 1962 Glad Tidings concerning the Anniversary Book it was requested that the pages be sent in to the Presbyterials by December 15, 1962. As all groups will not be able to have the pages in by that date, be assured that the pages and contributions from them will be accepted and included in the book even if sent after this deadline. Please try to send them in as soon as possible.

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

THE ART OF PERSONAL PRAYER By Dr. Lance Webb

Perhaps we do not think of Prayer as an "art", but certainly we all do think of Prayer — its power and its comfort; our great need of it, and our instinctive crying out to God through Prayer, for strength, wisdom and help, whenever troubles, doubts, and storms assail our lives and souls; our thanksgiving, poured out to Him for all His goodness, when we have been guided, and shown the way to inner peace. Dr. Webb, in his helpful and informative book, points out that there are two approaches to Prayer—one which seeks to find "complete and analytical understanding of this mysterious communication with God"; the other one — "to enter into the joyous, transforming relationship with God, using intelligent understanding, but reaching out by conscious, glad, attentiveness, to a communion with the Unseen". He tells us at once, that this is a book on Christian Prayer—of the Christian faith, which, using reason, leads the way to "the adoration, confession, commitment, love and trust, that makes prayer possible and powerful." From his own experience, in a very busy life of long years in the ministry, Dr. Webb knows the value of giving to God "our waking thoughts; our working thoughts; our growing thoughts; our sleeping thoughts." In the 8 Chapters of this book, he discusses "Adoration; Confession; Commitment; Petition; Intercession; Trust; Recollection; and Communion." Dr. Webb is the pastor of North Broadway Methodist Church, Columbus, Ohio, and recently attended the World Council of Churches Conference in New Delhi, India. He is Chaplain of the Ohio State Senate, and the author of three previous books. Price $2.75.

THE MEANING OF SUFFERING By Ralph W. Sockman

The voice of the Author of this book has been well-known to thousands, for many years, through his National Radio Pulpit broadcasts, which were widely, and most appreciatively, listened-to throughout Canada, as well as in the United States. For 44 years he served as Pastor of Christ Church (Methodist) in New York City, where I once had the wonderful experience of hearing him in person. So often he, as all other Ministers, has been questioned as to "Why does a loving and merciful Father allow His children to suffer?" and indeed all Christians seem to be met with this question at some time in their lives. In this book, Dr. Sockman writes for three groups of people — "those who are in suffering; those who are concerned about the troubles and sorrows of others; and those, both young and old, who are in love with life and want to make the most of it." Realizing fully that this enigma of suffering cannot be solved in its earthly sense, Dr. Sockman looks deeply into this mystery, and points out, through Scriptural teaching and human experience, that "our acceptance of suffering, like Christ's, will not merely bring conquest over pain, but life transcendently resurrected, renewed, transformed." The real values of life are seldom realized and appreciated until we come to their true meaning through the experience of suffering and trouble — either in our own lives or in those of others. Either for help and encouragement in bearing our own burdens, or in illuminating for us the part we must take in the vast "fellowship of suffering", which embraces both our own neighbourhood and the world, this excellent book is a fertile source of help, inspiration and wise spiritual counselling. Price $1.35 (paper).

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF SORROW By Robert Goodrich Jr.

There are only two Chapters in this small book, but in their content they hold comfort and help for those who mourn; they hold strength and courage; they hold faith and hope; and the surety of God's promise "Your sorrow shall be turned into joy", (John 16, verses 20 and 22). This is a perfect little volume to put into the hands of those who have suffered bereavement — who have not yet found that there is, always, "the other side of sorrow", and that on that other side lies the strength of a new quality in life; a new dimension of depth and understanding; a new experience of the boundless love of God. Price $1.10.

HAND-ME-DOWN HOUSE By Mary Crockett Norfleet

This is a thoroughly interesting story about a warm-hearted family of five, who moved from the city into a "changing neighbourhood" — Daddy, who is a Doctor; Mother; thirteen-year-old James; Martha, who is just eleven, and friendly seven-year-old Jakie — and of the lonely old lady who was their nearest neighbour, and soon became young Jakie's best friend. "Hand-Me-Down" house is a fascinating little playhouse, in this neighbour's yard, which, although there are now no children there, is still kept all fixed-up just as it was when the old lady's daughter left it. How the whole family soon fitted into their new environment, and especially how Jakie won his way into the little house, and completely into the heart of the old lady herself, makes fascinating reading, not only for young and older children, but for adults, who will recognize its meaning and message, for every age. The Author, who has six children of her own, has written much literature for children, and well knows how to tell a worth-while story. Price—$2.50.

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Boys and Girls!

LETTERS FROM JAPAN

By ANN C. PECKOVER

DEAR MARGARET:—

My, it seems as if we have entered another world! We arrived in Japan, and back from Canada, last week, and are now busy brushing-up on our Japanese. I go to school, and already I am learning how to read and write the 3,000 "kangi" (characters) that I must know before I can read a book, or newspaper, in Japanese. I once heard that the Chinese, who gave the Japanese their written characters, developed their writing after an Emperor spent *six years* observing bird tracks! I can believe it, too, for if you do not understand the characters, they certainly do look like bird tracks.

The New Year's Day we celebrated last year, when my Mother, Father, and I, were on furlough in Canada, was very different from the one we will be celebrating here in Japan. Everyone around here is getting ready for the Festival, which will last three days. Whenever I go out, I find that all I can smell is rice cakes. Each shop selling rice cakes will certainly be crowded at New Year's time!

This afternoon, I visited Sumiko, a girl I often mentioned to you last year. Outside her house, her Father has planted two pine trees, one on each side of the gate, with three bamboo poles beside each. When I arrived, Sumiko's Father was calling to Sumiko and her brother to help put up the decorations.

"Hurry with the ferns, Sumiko," called Mr. Lee. "Toshio, bring the orange, and the little lobster." When the children brought the decorations, Mr. Lee worked the ferns, orange, and lobster, very artistically into a thick rope, hanging over the entrance gate-arch. The rope already had tufts of straw, and strips of white paper, stuck in it. These symbols have been used in Japan for years, and represent hopes for a long, healthy, and prosperous life. Toshio has a kite ready to fly on New Year's Day. All the boys have kites, and, on New Year's, the sky will be filled with kites of every size, shape, colour, and description.

I can hardly wait for New Years! We have good food, and plenty of fun. Of course, we have Bible Classes at the Church, for the older people and the children, during New Year's. One passage which is read in Church at that time is Joshuah 1 — vs., 1-9. I think the words, "Be thou strong and very courageous, for I, the Lord, thy God am with thee whithersoever thou goest," are good words to remember all year through.

I have certainly been missing our Explorer meetings, that we used to attend together last year. Mother and I are going to try starting a Group at our Church soon. I'll have to tell you about our efforts, when we call our first meeting in a few weeks. Please give my love to the Explorer Group at home. What are you doing this year for Projects?

Mother is calling me for supper now. Please write to me soon. I would enjoy, very much, hearing from Canadians.

Love, Betty.

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Your Prayers are asked

—For all who have received inspiration and guidance from the Missionaries serving in the National Department in the past year. May this New Year challenge each one to a personal responsibility, as laymen, in extending Christ's Kingdom in their own Communities.

—For the three Graduate Deaconesses who joined the staff of the National Department in 1962—Miss Mary Duffin; Miss Sheila Stephens; Miss Louise Gamble. May they begin the New Year, resolved, to carry the torch of Christ's love with even greater zeal, as opportunities in the Missionary task unfold in 1963.

—For all who assume office in this New Year, that each may see her work as an opportunity for service and witness.

—For every member of every group, that in her daily work she may show by word and deed that she is a follower of Christ.

—For the strengthening of the faith of the young Christian group in the Bhil Field, south of Barwani, also that a young woman may hear the call to serve in this area.

—For those of our staff who are ill, particularly Miss Pauline Brown, and for the complete recovery of Mrs. Mildred Gehman.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

FRIDAY, MARCH 1st, 1963

(The 1963 service comes to us from Korea where a Day of Prayer Committee composed of two missionaries from each of four co-operating missions and four nationals from each of seven denominations met monthly from September to May in Seoul, and more often as the day of prayer drew near. A small committee was chosen from this group, under the leadership of Mrs. David Chung, to prepare the World Day of Prayer service for use around the world in 1963.

Canadians are especially interested in this service because Mrs. Chung, who did the major portion of the work, came to Canada with her husband in 1956 on a special one year scholarship for "Observation and Study of Women's Work in the United Church of Canada". After finishing this study in Canada, she accompanied her husband to the United States and they both spent the academic year 1957-58 at Yale University where Mrs. Chung took some classes in Christian Education. She returned in 1958 to work in the Korean Church. She is now the General Secretary of the Women's Evangelistic Society in Korea, and President of the All Korea W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea.

The city of Seoul in Korea is divided by the World Day of Prayer Committee into thirty-five districts with a service being held in each district. Canadian women will join in prayer and worship with their Korean sisters and all other praying groups around the world as they follow this beautiful service prepared by Korean Christian women and adapted for use in our country by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.)

THEME: "MORE THAN CONQUERORS"

(Reverent silence will be observed while the people assemble; quiet music if desired.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us all stand for the Call to Worship.

Leader: O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our maker. (Psalm 95: 1-3-6)

In Unison: The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes came upon me, they stumbled and fell. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear. Though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident! (Psalm 27: 1-3)

Leader: The one true God alone is a victorious King over all His ten-thousands of people. Before Him let us bow down, uniting our hearts. All the world by war is troubled, and life for us is full of strife. Let us come before the Lord our God who alone can help us fight the good fight of faith and win the victory. From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, let us unite our hearts today, and with one mind and united voice let us praise the name of the Lord. In all of life's battles may we ever be victorious and "more than conquerors". Let us go forward in the strength He provides, endeavouring to bring about a peaceful world when the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

HYMN: "Come, Thou Almighty King" (Tune—Moscow or Serug)

Come, Thou almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise
Father all-glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us,
Ancient of days.

Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend;
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour;
Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be,
Hence, evermore;
Thy sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

(Congregation seated)

Leader: O Father of all mankind, and our great God, we thank Thee that we, whom Thou hast made of one blood, may bow before Thee and pray together in one voice at this time. Today we stand united with our sisters around the world in a priceless Christian fellowship as witnesses of Thy matchless grace. Amid political confusion and the corruption in our society, are we not drawn into this evil world and dyed with its colour?

People: O worthy Lord, look on us and help us.

Leader: O Lord of Calvary, we believe Thou art the only comfort of all who sorrow, the only power for the weak, the only hope of the despairing. Keep us from every sin of pride and greed. Covered warmly by Thy divine love, and strengthened by Thy almighty power, may we be "more than conquerors" through Him that loves us.

People: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: How may we become overcoming conquerors?

People: Search the scriptures, for in them . . . ye have eternal life. Pray without ceasing. And be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

Leader: O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

People: Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the victory which overcometh the world, even our faith.

Leader: Christianity throughout the world is facing a crisis as great as any that has ever challenged it in the course of history. The traditional foundations of our faith are being subjected to more searching criticism than ever before. Secularism and militant atheism have gripped the minds of millions. "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his." II Tim. 2: 19. In many lands, Christians are being cruelly persecuted for their faith and denied the privilege of corporate worship; ministers and teachers are taken from their homes and churches and killed or imprisoned because of their Christian testimony. What shall we say to these things?

People: If God be for us, who can be against us? We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Romans 8: 28-31

Leader. Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

In Unison: As it is written, for thy sake, we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Leader: Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. Romans 8: 35-37

In Unison: We are troubled on every side yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted but not forsaken, cast down, but not destroyed. II Cor. 4: 8-9

Leader: In recent years, the faithful Christians in Korea have suffered for Jesus' sake and have witnessed to their faith, by God's grace. A true story comes out of those terrible years. A Korean village was surrounded by the Communist forces and all of its Christians captured. They were forced to march deep into the mountains where they were lined up to be executed. The Communist officer in charge was so impressed by their fortitude and serenity as they sang their Christian hymns and prayed to God that he countermanded the order for their execution and begged their forgiveness, saying that he himself had a Christian father but had wandered far from his teaching into unbelief and Communism. He said he wished to join their Christian fellowship and to follow Christ from then on.

People. And they overcame by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony and they loved not their lives unto the death. Rev. 12: 11

Leader: The Lamb shall overcome — — for he is Lord of lords and King of kings; and they that are with him are called and chosen and faithful. Rev. 17: 14

(Congregation standing)

HYMN: "Faith of Our Fathers"—No. 545.

(Congregation seated)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Leader: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou will not despise. Psalm: 51: 17

People: Give us repentant hearts, O God.

Leader: O Lord, we would seek first Thy Kingdom and Thy righteousness. We have loved the world and its pleasures more than we have loved Thee.

People: O Lord, forgive us we beseech Thee.

Leader: Merciful Lord, we are proudly self-righteous, marking the sins of others, but not seeing our own.

People: O Lord, forgive us and help us, that we may all search our own hearts and minds.

Leader: Thou hast told us to deny ourselves, to take up our cross daily and follow Thee, but we fail to bear our cross and so often forget the Cross of Christ. We spend our time and strength acquiring the things that perish, and we give sparingly to the work of Thy kingdom. We confess that we are often selfish and lacking in mercy.

People: O Lord, forgive us these sins.

Leader: Worthy Lord, Thou hast desired to receive praise and honour from us and from our families, but too often we have been occupied with our daily duties, and have failed to take time for prayer and communion with Thee. We confess that we have frequently failed to teach our children to know and love Thy word as we should have done, and have not set before them a good example of Christian living.

People: O Lord, we confess our sin.

Leader: O Lord, we too often forget that the Church is the body of Christ, and that all churches and individual Christians everywhere are members of Thy Body. We, as Christian followers, have committed to us the message of reconciliation. We confess to Thee that, because of our divisions, and our insistence on our own forms and traditions, we have failed to witness effectively to the reconciling act of God. We have not always been salt and light in the world.

People: O Father, forgive us.

In Unison: Our Father, we come to Thee in our great need. Amidst the fear and dread of nuclear war, with the terrifying winds of change blowing across the world today, we need the assurance that the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth; that He is speaking to us in this crucial time in history. As we meet Thee, O God, our darkened minds become enlightened and all the trials we experience are changed by Thy grace into blessing. May we heed Thy word and learn the lesson Thou wouldst teach us. Draw us nearer to Thyself, that we may better comprehend and more truly love and serve Thee. Amen.

(Congregation standing)

HYMN: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus."—No. 209

(Congregation seated)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore, will not we fear, though the earth be removed and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea, though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

Leader: Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

People: The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Psalm 46: 1, 3, 11

Leader: Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not, behold your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you. Isaiah 35: 4

People: The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever. Rev. 11: 15

DEDICATION

Leader: But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praise of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. I Peter 2: 9

People: Hearing Thy call, O Lord, we come to dedicate ourselves to Thee and to show forth Thy beauty in our lives.

Leader: Ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. Gal. 5: 13

People: Lord, we are free in Thee, but we are bound to all men through Thee, and in love we would serve one another.

Leader: May we be strengthened with all might according to his glorious power unto all patience and long suffering with joyfulness, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. Col. 1: 11, 28

People: O Lord, may our chief joy be in winning all mankind to Thee.

Leader: Our Lord has said, "the harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few, Go . . . be witnesses unto me . . . unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

People: We would obey Thee and take Thy word even unto the ice-bound northern lands and the far-flung isles of the sea. Help us to witness, not only with our lips but also with our lives.

Leader: We hear Thy voice saying: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
People: Here am I, O Lord, though weak and unworthy, here am I, send me.

INTERCESSION

Leader: Let us ask God's blessing on all families in this and every land that Christ be enthroned in the hearts of the parents and the children.

(Silent prayer or prayer by one appointed)

Leader: Let us pray for the Church Universal that she may be kept from prejudice and spiritual blindness and be filled with the spirit of Christ that she may unitedly speak and work for the healing of our troubled and divided world.

(Silent prayer or prayer by one appointed)

Leader: Let us pray for all who give their lives in service for Christ at home and abroad; that they may be living witnesses to Him in the places where they are called to serve.

(Silent prayer or prayer by one appointed)

Leader: Let us pray for the needy, those who are sick and suffering and sorrowing in every land.

(Silent prayer or prayer by one appointed)

Leader: Let us pray for the Queen and the Royal Family and for all who bear the responsibility of government in Canada and in our Commonwealth of Nations.

(Silent prayer or prayer by one appointed)

Leader: Let us pray for the United Nations, the Secretary-General and his staff, and for all the representatives of the member nations, that they may work under the guidance of God, to bring about peace throughout the world.

(Silent prayer or prayer by one appointed)

(The Lord's Prayer in unison)

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass againt us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

BRIEF ADDRESS: *(in harmony with the theme and the purpose of the World Day of Prayer)*

SPECIAL MUSIC *(if desired)*

Leader: In evidence of our sincere concern for the work of Christ in the world, we will now present to God our gifts to be used to bring the light of His truth to many who sit in darkness. May we give not grudgingly or of necessity but gladly and generously remembering God's great goodness and mercy towards us.

OFFERING

Offering Prayer: Dear Father, we present to Thee these gifts from glad and grateful hearts. May our prayer and our gifts be acceptable in Thy sight and may they bless those for whom we pray, in Christ's name. Amen.

(Congregation standing)

HYMN: "The Day Thou Gavest"—No. 671

Benediction: Now unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

ALBERTA

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL — The joint Thank - Offering Service of the W. M. S. Auxiliary, and the Isabel Taylor Evening Affiliate Group of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* was held in the Church, when the Service was conducted by members, and the Minister, the Rev. G. A. Hadjiantoniou, D.D., spoke on Salome's important contribution to the Missionary cause, in being, the Mother of two Missionary sons.

Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of Group 2 of the W. M. S. of Grace Presbyterian Church, *Calgary* was the Rev. K. C. Doka, who spoke on "Thankfulness." Mrs. Frank Burns conducted the Devotional, along the theme of the Address.

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL — The Fall Rally of this Presbyterial was held in Knox Presbyterian Church *Red Deer,* with 37 members attending. Devotional Periods were conducted by Miss Mary Kirker, of *Olds,* and Mrs. R. H. Anderson, of *Willowdale.* The work among the Indians and the Chinese in Canada was especially considered. Miss Hilda Blackwell, Deaconess, showed slides of the Fellowship House, *Winnipeg,* and Auxiliary members of *Westpark,* and *Rocky Mountain House,* W. M. S. conducted a Panel Discussion on the W. M. S. Leadership Training Centre held in *Edmonton.* Lunch was served by the W. M. S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, and Afternoon Tea by the two Groups from *Rocky Mountain House.*

A Pot Luck Supper for the Home Helpers of the W. M. S. Auxiliary of *Carstairs* Presbyterian Church was held in the Church Hall. Following this, the Minister, the Rev. R. J. Burton and Mrs. Burton showed coloured slides of their recent trip to *Nova Scotia* and *Newfoundland.*

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon, Presbyterial President, and Mrs. Roland Steed, President of the Evening W. M. S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* welcomed guests at the recent Tea in the Church Hall. Mrs. John Cumberland was Convener, and presiding at the tea table were Mrs. George Malcolm, Mrs. Walter Kennedy, Mrs. Charles Carnegy, and Mrs.

Merrill Reside. Also assisting were Mrs. Norman Paison and Mrs. C. J. Whittington. An interesting display of historical books and records was shown by Mrs. John Blair, *Burlington.*

A successful Rally and Workshop, for C.O.C. and Explorer Leaders, was held in the Church House of McNab Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* under the leadership of Mrs. Oscar Quinsey and Mrs. Wm. Coleman. Miss Sheila Stephens conducted the Worship Service, and Miss Clare Hanes, Regional Secretary, with Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon, conducted groups on Study and Craft Work.

The Executive of *Hamilton* Presbyterial held the Fall Rally in New Westminster Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* with President, Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon, presiding. The Worship Service was presented in a way which depicted the various attributes necessary for successful Mission Work—Mrs. D. M. Allan, the Voice of Passing Years; Miss Grace Buttrum represented Faith; Mrs. C. J. Whittington — Love; Mrs. Frank Will — Fellowship and Possessions; Service — Mrs. P. J. Shepherd; Gratitude—Mrs. George Hudson. Soloists were Mrs. Frank Hett and Miss Jean Douglas. Mrs. Norman Anderson led in prayer, and the Offering was dedicated by Miss Mary Grant. A fine display of literature was shown by the Literature Secretary, Mrs. E. Dalzell. Regional Secretary, Miss Ruby Walker, gave a splendid report of W. M. S. work in Canada, and emphasized the challenge to all women to "Go — Tell."

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL—The Afternoon W. M. S. Auxiliary of St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Rodney,* entertained the Explorers Group at a recent Meeting. Certificates and pins were presented to Cathy Szusz and Bonnie Nagy, by their Grandmothers, Mrs. A. Dark and Mrs. R. Knight, on behalf of the Auxiliary, and Mrs. J. Patterson, Explorer Leader, thanked the Auxiliary for their interest in the children. President, Mrs. Jas. Woodend, presided.

The W. M. S. Auxiliary of *Belmont* Presbyterian Church presented an Honorary Membership to Mrs. John McNab, and Mrs. J. D. Miekle also received an Honorary Membership, which was a gift from another Honorary Member.

The 50th Anniversary of the Mission Band, (for the last four years known as the Children of the Church) of *Belmont* Presbyterian Church was recently celebrated, the Band having been founded by the late Mrs. John Currie, with Mrs. J. McNabb, now of *Clarkson.* Only two Leaders, Mrs. T. Brown and Mrs. E. McKellar, have passed on during those fifty years. The C.O.C. President, little Janie McKeen, capably presided, and each lady present received a corsage, presented by Miss Joanne Campbell. Worship Service was conducted by Mrs. H. Duncan, using the flannelgraph.

Greetings from Presbyterial were

brought by Mrs. J. Patterson, *Rodney;* from the W. M. S., by Mrs. E. Price; from the Church, by the Rev. W. A. Kincaid, B.A. An Historical Sketch was given by Mrs. W. Weaver, and Mrs. J. Buchanan conducted the "In Memoriam" Service. Mrs. R. Taylor paid tribute to all former Leaders and presented each with a token of esteem. Mrs. M. Clarke told of her recent trip to the British Isles and the Continent and showed interesting pictures. Present Leaders of this C.O.C. Group are Mrs. J. Buchanan, Mrs. H. Duncan, Mrs. W. Weaver, and Mrs. R. Taylor. A Turkey Dinner was enjoyed at the close of the Meeting.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL — The Goforth Evening Auxiliary of the W. M. S. joined with the Afternoon Auxiliary of the W. M. S. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Wingham,* for their Thank-Offering Meeting. Miss A. Mitchell; Miss D. Rae; Mrs. R. Galbraith; were in charge of Devotions, and Mrs. H. Aitchison was Soloist. Mrs. J. Ostrom, the Guest Speaker, took her text from Joshua 6, and spoke on "The Importance of Thanksgiving." Mrs. H. Gilmour gave the closing prayer, and a Social Hour followed the Meeting.

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GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL—The Rev. Dr. Finlay Stewart of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Kitchener,* gave inspiring Addresses at both Services when *Eden Mills* Presbyterian Church celebrated its 100th Anniversary, and the Rev. Fred Williamson, a former Pastor of the Church assisted with Scripture reading. Special music was sung by the Choir. The Church was filled to capacity and the overflow, seated outside, heard the Service over the Public Address System. Guests were present from *Rochester, N.Y.* and many parts of western *Ontario.* A Pulpit Bible was presented to the Rev. Dr. George Atken, the present Minister, by Mrs. Jas. Gilbertson, in memory of her husband, and her son-in-law, Dr. Gordon Stevenson. The women of the Church served Lunch to over 500, and the Birthday Cake was cut by Mrs. Wm. Mino, the oldest member, assisted by Mrs. Wm. McLean, Sr., also a life-long member. A Centennial Tea was also held, by the women's Organizations, when Mrs. G. Atken and Mrs. Wallace Lasby welcomed guests, and tea was poured by Mrs. Wm. Mino, assisted by Mrs. Wm. McLean and Mrs. Wallace Lasby. Mrs. Garnet McDougall was Convener.

NORTH BAY PRESBYTERIAL—At the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, in Calvin Presbyterian Church, North Bay, President, Mrs. M. E. Kerr, presided, and welcomed delegates from *Massey, North*

Bay, Sudbury, New Sudbury, Lockerby, Parry Sound, and *Burks Falls*. Worship Services were conducted by Mrs. F. Pemberton and Mrs. L. Boucher, of *Burk's Falls*; members of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, *Sudbury*; and Mrs. R. W. Nicoll sang, accompanied by Mrs. R. A. Ackroyd. Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Executive Director of Overseas Missions, was Guest Speaker. The Explorer Group, directed by Mrs. H. Amos, read and sang in unison. The new Executive was installed by the Rev. A. C. Young, B.A.

In Hillside Presbyterian Church, *Sudbury,* a triple Graduation Service was held for the C.G.I.T., Explorers, and C.O.C., with many parents and visitors present. Mrs. J. Carter, President of the W.A., conducted the Worship Service, and Group Leaders, Mrs. E. Conrad, and Miss J. Conrad participated in the Graduation Ceremonies. Miss S. Adams and Mrs. H. Adams, of Explorers; Miss M. Bainbridge, C.G.I.T.; with North Bay Presbyterial Executive members — Mrs. C. Ferguson, Children's Secretary; Mrs. N. Armstrong, Girls' Secretary; Mrs. D. McLaren, Vice-President; Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Armstrong, and Mrs. McLaren—stressed the Christian teaching embodied in the Church's Youth Programmes. Flower-garlanded arches, through which the graduates passed, plus emblems, and a display of C.O.C. handicrafts, made an attractive setting for the Ceremonies.

PETERBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAL — At the Semi-Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, held in Grace Presbyterian Church, *Millbrook,* ninety-seven delegates registered, and Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A., Executive Director of Organization gave a most inspiring Address.

SAUGEEN PRESBYTERIAL — At the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the W. M. S. Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church, *Durham,* Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Executive Secretary for Overseas Missions, was Guest Speaker. Miss Mabel Sharp presided and Mrs. C. Moffat and Mrs. Wm. Breen led the Devotions. At the conclusion of her Address, Miss Whale lit a golden candle representing the W.M.S. Motto, "The World For Christ," and in front of the candelabra was an emblem symbolic of "The Burning Bush," made by Mrs. Don Corbett, of Trinity Young Women's Group. Mrs. E. S. McArthur reviewed the past years of the Afternoon Auxiliary; Mrs. Thomas Firth, the Evening Auxiliary; Mrs. Murray McFadden, Trinity Young Women's Group; Mrs. Jas. Hastie, the Mission Band — C.O.C.; Mrs. Don Corbett, the C.G.I.T.; Mrs. Jas. Vessie, the Explorers. As each narrator finished, she lit a candle from the centre golden one. An impressive "In Memoriam Service" was conducted by Mrs. John Alexander, and Mrs. Wm. Hewitt sang a duet with Mrs. Thomas Firth. The Rev. W. B. Mitchell, B.A., pronounced the benediction, and at the Social Hour following the Meeting, Mrs. Gilbert McKechnie, daughter of the first President, Mrs. Gun, cut the Anniversary Cake, which was made by Mrs. George Sharp.

EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. Howard Hogg, President, presided, and Miss Giollo Kelly, B.A., Executive Director of National Missions, was the Afternoon Speaker at the Fall Rally of this Presbyterial, held in the Chinese Presbyterian Church, *Toronto.* Miss Kelly told of the importance and possibilities of our work among the Indians in *Canada*; in the evening, the Rev. C. M. Costerus, on furlough from *Formosa,* was Guest Speaker. The story of the Supply Department was told by Mrs. Charles Yates, Synodical Supply Secretary, who presented charts depicting the work in various fields across Canada where supplies are sent. A demonstration "Bale" was packed by the Presbyterial Officers.

The Rally of Section 1 of East Toronto Presbyterial was held in *Richmond Hill* Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Council, was Guest Speaker, on the theme "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." The Rev. J. N. Hepburn, conducted the Worship Service, and Mrs. D. Duncan, of *Richmond Hill,* was Soloist. Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A., Executive Director of Organization, presented a Panel on "How To Be A Good Member," and Mrs. J. Cooper, Mrs. George Peckover, Mrs. A. W. Reid, and Mrs. R. Crawford outlined the progress of the Anniversary plans, and the two Projects. The C.O.C. and Explorer Groups of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Aurora,* gave a combined presentation, when the Explorers gave a short Puppet Play, based on the *British Guiana* Study, and the C.O.C. sang hymns and repeated memory verses. At the close of the evening, the children served refreshments.

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LANARK AND RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL—The Fall Executive Meeting of this Presbyterial convened in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Arnprior,* with President, Mrs. J. Jack, of *Forrester's Falls,* presiding at both sessions. Morning and Afternoon Devotions were conducted by Mrs. K. Fraser, *Arnprior,* and Mrs. D. Grant, *Smiths Falls.* Plans were made for the Annual Meeting, to be held in *Smiths Falls* in January, 1963, and permission given to Historian, Mrs. D. Grant, to collect old Minute Books of the Presbyterial, and store them in the vault of Westminster Presbyterian Church, *Smiths Falls.* Members were encouraged to support the Special Projects for Anniversary Year in

1964, and it was decided that a Special Programme will be planned and presented to the three sections of the Presbyterial, as an introduction for the Anniversary Book and the Special Pages. An interesting Report of the W. M. S. Leadership Training School at *Belleville,* and the valuable information gained there, was given by Miss D. Dodds, Presbyterial Young Women's Promotion Secretary, of *Perth.* The Meeting closed with a Devotional given by Mrs. K. Bowes, of *Forrester's Falls.*

Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary, was the Guest Speaker when the W. M. S. Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church, of *Dewar's,* celebrated a 50*th* Anniversary. Members and friends were welcomed by the Rev. C. J. St. Clair-Jeans, D.D., Minister of *Dewar's,* and *Arnprior,* Presbyterian Churches. Mrs. J. McMillan, Sr.; Mrs. Alex Somerville, and Mrs. Robert Lavallee, three of the seven Charter Members, were present.

MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL — When the Home Helpers of the W. M. S. Auxiliary of Robert Campbell Memorial Church, *Montreal,* held their Annual Evening Meeting, they were privileged to have as their Guest Speaker, the Rev. Robert Lennox, B.A., M.A., Th.B., Ph.D., D.D., Principal of Presbyterian College, *Montreal,* and a Past Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Dr. Lennox spoke on the text "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel, and lo, I am with you always." Many Articles for the Supply Bale, were on display, and a Social Hour was enjoyed at the close of the Meeting.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL — The 75*th* Anniversary of this Presbyterial was celebrated in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Ottawa,* when the Rev. A. W. Currie, B.D. was Guest Speaker, using the theme "Memories." Under the leadership of Mr. C. Milligan, the Church Choir sang an Anthem. Mrs. Peace Montgomery, *Richmond* Presbyterial President, presided, and briefly gave the "Ongoing Challenge." Three Past Presidents participated in the Service—Mrs. F. R. Duminy reading the Scripture; Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta receiving and dedicating the Offering; Mrs. Harcourt Emra conducting the Anniversary Memorial Service. The Rev. Dr. J. A. Johnston, Moderator of Presbytery, led in prayer, and Mrs. G. S. Lloyd, of *Cornwall,* brought Synodical greetings. Dr. Johnston pronounced the Benediction, after which the ladies of St. Andrew's served tea, with Mrs. Emra and Mrs. G. Scott Murray presiding at the tea table.

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A PILGRIMAGE INTO THE YEARS THAT ARE GONE!

by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

OUT OF THE brilliant winter sunshine and the snow-clad streets; away from the blare of motor horns, the clang of streetcar gongs, and the hurrying pedestrians so mightily engrossed with their own importance and daily concerns; I stepped within the portals of the Royal Ontario Museum, in Toronto, that great spreading building, so benign and calm—and immediately I was where time is not; where worries and frets, and petty ambitions have ceased to be! There is the peace of life accomplished here. One responds instinctively, with a hush of awe, and almost reverence, to that soothing aura of the past which permeates the whole great building, and fills one with the realization that, after all, little that we have today is new or original with us. We are humbled, in our arrogance and pride, before the tangible evidence of the culture of those peoples, who are so long gone; filled with the haunting futility of it all; the remorseless grinding on of the eternal years, which, even now, is weaving our restless todays into the warp and woof of time eternal.

It seems, almost, as though the whole story of mankind is written here for all who will to read—all the little human likes and dislikes, the strivings and ambitions, the social life and amusements, as well as the great and beautiful things that were done by these peoples of the ancient days, long before our bustling modern world was ever heard of. Even the little niceties of life, upon which we pride ourselves as being the product of our own high civilization—how they must smile at our boasting and our complacence, those cultured Babylonions, Egyptians, and Romans; those artistic Greeks and Chinese; if, mayhap, some of their many gods may permit them to glance, but for a moment, into our time and age! For they, in their marvellous palaces and beautiful cities, now covered with the accumulated dust of the ages, had a greater culture, and a more true sense of the real niceties of things, than we, as yet, have ever dreamed to have. Surely, then, it behooves us to walk humbly here, among these things they loved and used, and to appreciate, as we walk about, the very humanness of it all, with its records of its loves and hates, and all the interest and meaning of the daily lives of these who have walked before, to prepare the way for us.

And yet, there are those who will say they have no interest in Museums! Here, there is a story to be learned; a romance to be read, in every exhibit all about — each one a vibrant link with the ages which are gone, and steeped, even yet, with the personalities of those phantom owners, who lived, and breathed, and had their being, even as you and I, and whose eyes, in their day and generation, looked also upon the beautiful and inspiring world, and were glad or sad, hopeful or depressed, even as are we today. And I wonder, sometimes, if those ultra-practical folk who "are not interested Museums," also are not interested in their Bibles? For, if they are interested in the one, they must be interested in the other, because here we find that one presents the tangible evidence of the other, and the things that we may see in this wonderful Museum transport us in thought and vision to the days when Christ walked in Palestine, and to the life and times of those centuries which led up to His coming.

Here, for instance, is a brick and tablet from the Palace of Nebuchadnezzar at Babylon—that very Nebuchadnezzar who reigned in all his glory up to 651 B.C., and who, in the third year of Jehoiakim, King of Judah, came, with the might of his armies, unto Jerusalem and besieged it. And we are told, in II Kings, Chapter 24, "And he carried away all Jerusalem and all the princes and all the mighty men of valor, even ten thousand captives; and all the craftsmen and smiths; none remained save the poorest of the people of the land. And he carried away Jehoiakim to Babylon and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his Officers, and the mighty of the land; those carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon." That same Nebuchadnezzar, who then placed his own Uncle Zedekiah on the throne of Jehoiakim, and, nine years later, in his anger at Zedekiah's rebellion, returned to once more lay siege to Jerusalem. This time, he utterly destroyed it, even burning the house of the Lord, and breaking down the walls of the city.

That same Nebuchadnezzar, too, who, in his first siege of Jerusalem, carried away with him Daniel, Hanaiah, Mishael, and Azariah, and, because they found favour in his sight, re-named them Belteschazar, Shadrack, Meshach, and Abed-nego, and ordered that they be fed on the king's wine and meat, so that, at the end of three years, they might stand before him in his palace — that self-same palace, no doubt, from which came this brick we look upon today, whereon is stamped the proud name and titles of the great King Nebuchadnezzar. How Daniel so cleverly interpreted the vision of the king, when the wise men of the Court had failed, and so became a very great man in the kingdom; and how Shadrack, Meshak, and Abed-nego, survived the ordeal of the fiery furnace—all this, and more of the doings of Nebuchadnezzar, is graphically told us in the first four chapters of the Book of Daniel. And now, here before us lies this brick from the very palace wherein dwelt this powerful king—mute witness, probably, of much that transpired about his Courts. Perhaps Daniel's eyes often rested upon this very brick, as he passed in and out of those portals, and who knows how often the deposed King Jehoakim, in the thirty-seven long years of his captivity, deciphered, with weary, homesick eyes, the writings on this very slab of brick!

Here is the writing case of Queen Aahames Nefertari, the wife of that great Aahmes who "knew not Joseph;" and, further on, we find the very dagger carried by the great Potentate, himself, sometime in his reign from 1581-1562, B.C.—a formidable bronze blade surmounted by a handle of ebony, with alabaster pommell, and a gold placque on which is inscribed the name of the King. Here, too, is a case of terra-cotta lamps, which have lighted the way for who shall say how many stumbling feet, and which, indeed, are such as might have been carried by the Foolish Virgins of our Lord's parable. Other cases show us the outer garments worn by the men and women of Palestine, who walked the highways and the byways when the Saviour did; here, too, we see the wonderfully illuminated manuscripts of Samaria, and also the beautiful Book of Esther — one of the most interesting stories ever told — written by hand on a ram's skin, and made to roll into an exquisite case of silver-gilt filagree, bedecked with gems. Such, I fancy, were the books from which the High Priests read in the Tabernacles of old.

And here are cases of the most fascinating little trifles which once belonged to the girls and women of those early days, and which tell us, in their mute eloquence, so much of their lives and times. A dainty ivory toilet-box, still shows traces of the paint its fair owner used, to make herself more lovely still; a quaint hand-mirror of silvered glass in a wooden frame; alabaster perfume bottles; a toilet box with mirrored top, the earliest prototype of our modern vanity cases; a bronze razor; eyebrow sticks; bronze hairpins; bronze tweezers, used for removing surplus hairs from the body; bronze toilet and manicure implements, much like we use today; a fearsome-looking set of bronze surgical instruments, with blades of iron; and bronze Styli (writing implements) which were used to write on tablets of wax—the pointed end for inscribing, and the flat end to smooth the wax, and obliterate the writing. Almost anyone could picture much of the life and activities of those early Bible days, both before and after the coming of our Lord, as one walks thoughtfully about among these things which someone owned, and someone used, in those long bygone days!

Then, delving still further back into the mists of the ages, we come upon the story of the great Egyptian Farmer Nobles, who were so powerful in Egypt, more than 6,000 years ago. For always, since the first inception of time itself, there have been the farmers, the tillers of the soil, and always, in every day and generation, they have left their mark upon the world in which they lived. Both interested and fascinated by the strange and perfect wooden models of all the things they knew, and did, and possessed in life, which have been recovered from their tombs, I talked with one who was a well-known authority upon the subject—as indeed upon all the other exhibits in this vast treasure-house of time — and this is what he told me of the Egyptian Farmer Nobles and their lives:—

"Every country has its Nobles, and, when every country is reaching the apex of its greatness, its Nobles are the country people, for the country person is the true aristocrat, in every sense of the word. The type of mind, which in generations becomes the aristocrat, is the country type of mind, and the periods of greatest development, in every nation, have been when its leaders spent the greatest possible time on their own property in the country. This was especially true in the fourth millenium before Christ, when Egypt was at her maximum development, and when the great Farmer Nobles were at their mightiest. We know a great deal about these men, from a study of their tombs, because, in order to go on in the next world, leading the life they loved in this world, they carved all the things they had, and loved to do, on the walls of room after room of their tombs. The body itself would be buried in a grave, probably a hundred feet deep, in the centre of the tomb, but it would be surrounded by rooms and rooms of carvings, modelled articles and persons. So we know what they liked, just as well as if they had lived in Ontario last year, instead of in Egypt more than six thousand years ago—because a farmer is always a farmer and likes the same things. Farming, hunting, and fishing — these are the things that these men wanted most to do in the next world, according to the stories told by their tombs! Eighty percent, farming; ten percent, hunting and fishing—and ten percent, giving parties! There, on the walls, it all is; the ploughing, hoeing and seeding, and all that makes up the daily life of the farmer—then, as now."

And here is a great deal of it, in the glass cases for us to see! For, while in the early days these Farmer Nobles believed that by some sympathetic magic, a picture of a *thing* could assume the nature of the thing itself, and so they sculptored, on the walls of their tombs, scenes of their daily lives and possessions, so that they really might have all these things with them in the Other World, but, during the XII Dynasty, they had come to believe that the actual models of all these things were much better, and so these were made, and placed around the man's body in the tomb. Here, before us today, we look upon many of these little wooden models, almost as perfect as when they were first made and buried in the tomb—girls bringing in from the fields the garden produce, in big baskets poised on their heads; men servants driving donkeys, with odd pannier-baskets slung across their backs on either side; men marching with bows and arrows, spears and shields; a peasant ploughing; tiny models of cattle; a boat, with rowers all in place; a funeral statue — all the many occupations of their large and busy farm estates!

In still other cases, we can see some of the actual primitive farm implements of those early days; even a seeding bag of the year 1587 B.C., which, when found, still contained the knotted cord fastener. Egypt was a most prosperous and industrious land in those days which we read about in our Old Testament books, and these Farmer Nobles worked their land very cleverly, and had evolved a very perfect form of community life and co-operation, and this, on a very much smaller scale, of course, may yet be found among the Egyptians farmers to this day. I was told of a young Egyptian farmer, personally known, who, though he had started life with practically nothing, came to own and work 7,000 acres of land; employ 5,000 workers; and who had, among other things, an incubator which could hold 36,000 eggs, and was tended by an old negro, who had not even a thermometer, and used a coal fire for heat! Incubators such as this, by the way, have been used by Egyptians for centuries!

Egypt, this ancient and venerable land, has seen many drastic changes in her ways of life in recent years. Under a good Government, however, all throughout the ages, Egypt and her people always became incredibly rich, but under a poor and grasping Government, misery, and death by starvation for millions of people, inevitably happens. This is because Egypt is a land whose prosperity is utterly dependent upon irrigation, and when money is not available to provide water for the land, then nothing but disaster can come to her people. It is an old, old land, of old, old problems, and yet its long history of co-operation, strong family ties and community life, can teach we modern peoples much that is well worth the knowing!

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HAD WE THE EYES!

How fair a world
Around us lies —
Heaven unfurled —
Had we the eyes
To see the worth of all
that is —
Like Heaven, earth
Is also His!
How can the rose,
More than the clod
From which it grows,
Embody God? (Selected)

PRAYER

Our Father, which art in Heaven, we thank Thee, that in Thine infinite mercy and compassion, Thou art indeed the loving Heavenly Father of each one of us, even as Thou art the Omnipotent Father of all mankind, and that, in Thy tenderness of love and understanding, we may, at all times, come to Thee with all our problems and perplexities — needing only the trust and simple faith of the little child who seeks his earthly father, to enable us to look above to Thee, as we ask, in humbleness and in confidence, for the guidance of Thy Divine wisdom, and Thine ever-present love and care. Our hearts are filled with the wonder and glory of Thy Presence.

We would beseech Thee, O God, to grant to each seeking heart the renewal of that undying faith, which Thou hast granted to all generations of Thy believing people, that we may be strong for Thee, and for Thy Church on earth, even as they have been strong in their faith throughout the ages before us. May our hearts be filled, always, with the deep realization and remembrance, of the sacrifice for us of Thy Beloved Son, who laid down His life that we might know the sure promise of Eternity and the full forgiveness of all our sins, through His suffering, His death, and Resurrection.

Only Thou, O Father, knowest how often, in the secret silences of our hearts, we seek so earnestly to do Thy will, and yet we fail — how strong our purposes start out to be, and yet how pitifully weak we are in fulfilling them! Yet always, how great is Thy mercy and forgiveness toward us, and how wonderful is the knowledge that if we wait upon Thee in faith and prayer, we, too, may touch the hem of Thy garment, and hear Thy voice saying to our troubled hearts — "Peace be unto you — my peace I give unto you!" Bless each one of us, according as Thou dost know each individual need, and the secret longings of each heart. Bless, O Father, all those who are so dear to us, and all Thy needy children everywhere throughout this troubled world. Grant to us that unity of purpose, peace of heart, and deep fellowship with one another, which makes us truly one in Thee, and give us wisdom, clarity of vision, and wise judgment in all we seek to do for Thee.

Bless our Church, O Lord, and all Christian Churches everywhere who work together in Thy cause; our Ministers and Workers; and, very specially, those consecrated ones, our Missionaries, who have been set apart to work for Thee in far and troubled lands, as well as in this land of ours. Particularly, we would ask Thy tender care and constant support for those who have gone forth because of this Society, which seeks to take its own small part in Thy vast plan of redemption. Be very near to those who work and

pray for the extension of Thy Kingdom here on earth. O, Loving Heavenly Father, point out for us the way that Thou wouldst have us go, and give unto each one the strength and purpose to follow in that way. We ask it all, in the name of Thy Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (L.M.C.)

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Anniversary Corner

GLIMPSES OF SYNODICAL BEGINNINGS

(Part II)

by JEAN STEWART, B.A.

(*This issue contains brief outlines of the early history in the four western Synodicals; see the January issue for similar information about the three eastern Synodicals.*)

MANITOBA

ON OCTOBER 24th, 1884, a group of women from three Presbyterian churches in Winnipeg—Knox, St. Andrew's and North Church—met in Knox Church and organized an Auxiliary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, with 25 members. In the months following, we can trace the exciting events from old reports. There was assistance to soldiers during the Riel Rebellion; supplies to Indian workers, the beginning of Chinese work (14 ladies were on hand to teach 5 Chinese men the English language); the establishment of a school for the Sioux Indians, at Portage la Prairie.

Brandon Presbyterial, the first formed in the West, was founded in 1886. In 1889, Winnipeg Presbyterial was organized. Other Presbyterials to follow were Glenboro and Rock Lake, in 1896; Minnedosa in 1907; and Dauphin in 1913. The Women's Home Missionary Society also flourished in the province after 1903. At the 1914 union, there were seven Presbyterials in the "Provincial Society of Manitoba."

Sometime in the 1880's (the exact date is uncertain) the first Missionary Society was organized in the Lakehead. In 1928, the Superior Presbyterial amalgamated with Manitoba Provincial, with the approval of Council and and Ontario Provincial.

The Manitoba Provincial was re-organized in the manse of Old Kildonan Church in 1925. It became the Synodical Society of Manitoba in 1947. To-day there is a total membership of 2,173 in the 3 Presbyterials.

SASKATCHEWAN

Our history harks back to the days before there was a Saskatchewan, when the area was simply a part of the North West Territories, and later called the Territory of Assiniboia. In 1866 the pioneer Missionary, Rev. James Nisbet, began work among the Indians near Prince Albert. In 1879, the first woman Missionary to Saskatchewan, Miss Lucy Baker, arrived at Prince Albert after a six-week trip by ox-cart. The W.F.M.S. in Eastern Canada sent supplies to assist in her work.

In 1892, the first Auxiliary of the W.F.M.S. was founded in St. Andrew's, Moosomin. A second group was Wolseley Mission Band, in 1896, and a group of girls and women interested in Mission Work in Erromanga was formed in Regina, in 1898.

In 1902, at the request of the Presbytery of Qu'Appelle, a Women's Home Missionary Society was organized. The Qu'Appelle Presbyterial was the first organized W.H.M.S. Presbyterial in Canada. Both Home and Foreign Societies were formed throughout the various Saskatchewan Presbyterials. After the 1914 amalgamation, the Provincial Society was organized, with 12 Presbyterials, soon growing to 15.

The 1925 Union almost "wiped out" the Saskatchewan W.M.S. Of 467 branches and 8,772 members in 1924, only 21 branches did not go into Union. A Provisional Organization carried on faithfully, however, and within a year the membership and branches doubled. In October 1925 the Saskatchewan Provincial was re-established, with Mrs. H. R. Horne as President.

Through the difficult days of the 1930's, the W.M.S. groups continued to function. In 1947, the Synodical Society was organized, and today in the 4 Presbyterials there are 1,542 members.

ALBERTA

Alberta, like Saskatchewan in the early days, *was* the Home Mission field. Settlers were scattered, Ministers and Missionaries few. One of the greatest challenges was the vast number of Central European "new Canadians" coming in to the prairies. Nevertheless, the pioneer women of the province were also concerned about the spreading of the Gospel across the seas. In 1892, the first Foreign Missionary Society was started in Lethbridge; followed by Calgary in 1897; Macleod in 1901; and Strathcona, in 1903.

Of course, the appeal of Home Missions was great, and, in 1904, a Union Home and Foreign Society was formed in Edmonton. A W.H.M.S. was begun in Calgary in 1905. The first W.H.M.S. Presbyterial was formed in Edmonton, with Mrs. D. G. McQueen as President, followed by Red Deer Presbyterial in the same year. The first Alberta Provincial met in

Red Deer in 1915, with Mrs. Charles McKillop, of Lethbridge, as President.

The most recent Presbyterial is Peace River. Since 1910, when Reverend Dr. A. Forbes and Mrs. Forbes went to Grande Prairie, the work of extending a Christian witness in this vast frontier area has proceeded steadily, culminating in the Presbyterial organization in 1949. To-day the Synodical of Alberta has 5 Presbyterials with 2,242 members.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Chilliwack, in the Fraser Valley, has the honour of being the first organized Missionary Auxiliary in British Columbia, in 1887. In 1888 the "Columbia Mission Band" (aged 16-70) was formed in St. Andrew's, New Westminster. This group became a Women's Missionary Society in 1891. The first work in Vancouver followed in 1893 (Mount Pleasant Church); followed by Knox, Cranbrook, and St. Andrew's Victoria, in 1902; and Vernon in 1907.

The first Presbyterial was Westminster in 1898 (W.F.M.S.), and Westminster (W.H.M.S.) Presbyterial in 1906. Victoria Presbyterial was organized in 1914; followed by Kamloops in 1916. The British Columbia Provincial was organized in 1914, with 68 branches and 1,467 members. By 1925 there were 150 branches and nearly 5,000 members.

Early Mission Work of interest included the W.H.M.S. hospital work at Atlin, B.C., and other outposts; the "Sky Pilot" Boat Mission to the Pacific Coast loggers; and work among Chinese immigrants, who were imported for work on the Canadian Pacific Railway. Chinese work was begun as early as 1888 by Chilliwack Auxiliary; and, in 1900, in Victoria. Victoria had the first W.M.S. Auxiliary among Chinese women. Youth work has always been stressed in this Synodical. The Synodical Society of British Columbia was organized in 1947, and its 4 Presbyterials have a total membership of 2,323.

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Prayer — As I Grow Old!

God help me
To grow old gracefully
Without bitterness.
Help me to view calmly
The changes in this frail machine
That I have driven carelessly.

Deliver me from envy and rancour
Toward modern youth
And youth's happiness.
Give me tolerance
Toward change and progress
And new ideas.

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Make me content
With fading light;
Give me a glorious sunset
And a peaceful night! (Selected)

In Remembrance

Name	Church	Presbyterial
Mrs. Malcolm Carmichael	Jubilee, Stayner	Barrie
Mrs. Walter Inkster	First, Collingwood	Barrie
Mrs. Norman Smith	First, Brockville	Brockville
Mrs. Robert Wilson	St. Andrew's, Markham	East Toronto
Mrs. Michael McDonough	Glebe, Toronto	East Toronto
Miss Isabelle Walker	Queen East, Toronto	East Toronto
Miss Jean Lobb	Strathcona, Edmonton	Edmonton
Mrs. Neil S. MacLeod	St. Columba, Kirk Hill	Glengarry
Miss Margaret MacGillivray	St. Columba, Kirk Hill	Glengarry
Mrs. Nathan Copeland	St. John's, Cornwall	Glengarry
Miss Annie Bilsland	St. John's, Cornwall	Glengarry
Mrs. Edith C. MacLachlan	St. Andrews, Lancaster	Glengarry
Mrs. Margaret Ann Main	Presbyterian, Sheffield	Hamilton
Miss Helen Orr	St. John's, Grimsby	Hamilton
Mrs. Robert Govenlock	First, Seaforth	Huron
Mrs. E. L. Goodwin	Elmwood, London	London
Miss Mary V. McRae	New St. James, London	London
Mrs. J. H. Pollock	New St. James, London	London
Mrs. Elizabeth McLean	St. Andrew's, Wingham	Maitland
Mrs. David Murray	St. Andrew's, Wingham	Maitland
Mrs. W. A. Russel	Presbyterian, Lucknow	Maitland
Mrs. Robert Cleland	Central, Atwood	Stratford

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ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Council of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, will be held in Ewart College, 156 St. George Street, Toronto, Ontario, from Monday, May 6th to Friday, May 10th, 1963, inclusive. Further information will be given later.

COMPASSION AT WORK

by THE REV. EOIN S. MACKAY, M.A.

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LAST JUNE, the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugees and World Service (DICARWS), of the World Council of Churches held its triennial meeting in Nyborg, Denmark. The city of Nyborg was the capital of the old Norse Empire, and is located on the island of Funen, which is called the Garden of Denmark. The beautiful surroundings, and the great kindness of the Danish people, combined to form an appropriate setting for such a meeting, which had as its purpose channelling effectively the compassion of the Church of Christ into the needy areas of the world.

One hundred and fifty people from all parts of the world, and representing all branches of the Church having membership in the World Council, attended the Conference. There were three delegates from Canada, one each from the Anglican, United and Presbyterian Churches. These consultations are held once every three years, to review the work of the past period and to plan for the future. This one had the largest and most representative attendance in the history of the Division. Because of this, it had the appearance and atmosphere of a junior World Council of Churches meeting, with the many varied nationalities, languages, and costumes, blending to form an impressive cross-section of the Church Universal. For the first time, there was a large delegation from South America, and also representatives of the newly constituted Division of World Mission and Evangelism, whose presence indicated the importance of maintaining the closest relationship in the thinking, planning, and action of these two Divisions.

The work of the Conference was divided into four main parts. Each day began with worship, followed by Bible study, conducted, with great skill and insight, by Dr. Paul Verghese, a priest of the Coptic Church, who is now Director of the Youth Division of the World Council. Against the background of Dr. Verghese's stimulating presentations, the other aspects of the work of the Conference were carried forward. These were—theological discussion of the theme "What Makes Christian Service Distinctive?"; consideration of the actual work of the Division done, and to be done, in the various geographical and functional areas of need; plenary sessions, at which reports were presented and plans and policy formulated.

The conclusion reached in the discussion of the main theme, "What

Makes Christian Service Distinctive?" was that, while the presence and constraining love of Christ in Christian service is of course its distinctive mark, the question is not one which should be of partcuilar concern to Christian people. Our task is simply to serve, and help our fellow men in Christ's Name and Spirit, and not to prove that Christian service is either distinctive from, or better than, other forms of humanitarian effort. If it *is* different and better, let others than ourselves be the judges. Our service is simply the joyful privilege of sharing in the outreach of the love of God to the world. Furthermore, Christ, as the Sovereign Lord over the whole of life, can and does, use the efforts of all who, by whatever name and sign, are concerned for human welfare. We must not presume to put any limit on His Sovereignty in this regard, and must humbly realize that it is quite possible for Him to accomplish more effectively through others what He wants to do in the world, than through the all-too-often unresponsive and unsympathetic lives of His own people. We should thank God for all that is done to alleviate human misery, recognizing that He is at work in every effort dedicated to that purpose.

The main reason why the theme "What makes Christian Service Distinctive" was chosen is the problem posed for the Church, by the emergence, in many parts of the world, of the welfare state which takes over various areas of need, hitherto served by the Church. The conclusion reached in this regard was that, in such circumstances, the Church should not sponsor rival and overlapping projects, but should rather inject Christian compassion and concern into Governmental efforts, and provide personnel able to accomplish this. The Church must never retreat into a religious ghetto, but must involve herself in the life of the world, to fulfil her calling as the salt of the earth. Salt cannot fulfil its function if it remains in the salt-shaker.

The importance of having present at this Conference representatives of the Division of World Mission and Evangelism, among whom was its Director, Bishop Leslie Newbigin, has already been noted. It is essential that the work of this division, and the work of the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugees, and World Service, be done with a sense of the basic unity between the two, in the total mission of the Church. An important conclusion reached by the Conference was that mission and service belong together, and must never be separated either theologically, or in practical action. Evangelism is not complete without service, and service is not complete without evangelism. Both are aspects of the total mission of the Church to the whole man, and the whole world.

Reports, presented at the consultation, indicated the magnitude, both of the work which has been done and of the on-going need, which the Church must strive to meet. Services costing in excess of $8,000,000. were provided through the Division in 1962. It should be made very clear that the work of DICARWS is an essential part of the on-going mission of the Church, and will be till the end of time. The refugee, and the problems of his immediate plight and his rehabilitation; the hardship and misery caused by disasters of nature; the challenge of Christian participation in programmes of economic betterment; and technological development of under developed areas of the world; these will be with us until the Kingdom comes in its fulness. They will have a direct claim upon our concern, compassion, and generosity, as long as we take seriously the apostolic command to bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. To turn aside from the world's great need, would be to cease being the Church, the Body of Christ, through which His compassion is poured out upon mankind.

In the light of all this, we need a very serious re-consideration of what we are prepared to do in this field, as members of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. We have no cause for boasting about our past achievements. While, by comparison with other denominations, our record has been reasonably good, the fact is that no Church in Canada has really faced up to the challenge. In the light of the tremendous need, and of our materially favoured position in the world, we have hardly made a beginning. We live in the midst of abundance, and, if we are to prove ourselves responsible stewards of what God has given us, we must share our abundance with those in need, much more than we have ever done hitherto.

Each year a special offering is received during the Lenten season for this work, but the fund is *always* open, and contributions can be made at any time. When it is realized that even five cents a month, from each communicant member of our Church in Canada, would mean a total contribution of $120,000 a year, the $21,000 contributed by our Church in 1962 should both shame us, and spur us to more generous support. Only by significant participation in this great work of compassion, do we show ourselves to be truly part of the Church of Christ—in the words of Dr. Leslie Cooke, Director of the Division, in his closing address to the Nyborg Consultation, "those who, because of the grace of God in Christ, overflow with thanksgiving in service and sacrifice for men!"

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PETITION !

"Not as One who dwells apart
In the spare room of my heart,
But as One to whom my prayer
May confide the smallest care;
Thus I pray,
'Lord, be Thou my Guest to-day!' "

You and Your Auxiliary

HONG KONG — FOR BETTER OR WORSE?

by JEAN E. SONNENFELD, B.A.

"WANNA FISH DINNA, MISSEE?" asked the Chinese woman as she plucked at my sleeve. I shook my head cheerfully, and we both laughed. The picturesque restaurant boats, floating beside the docks at Aberdeen, suggested exotic Chinese delicacies to my palate. What a contrast this noisy, dirty, carefree quayside offered to the restrained dignity of the hotel veranda at Repulse Bay, a few miles along the coast of Hong Kong Island, where I had just finished a very English afternoon tea! It seemed that, for those who can afford it, there is a plenteous variety of food in Hong Kong.

Shelter, too, can be luxurious in the colony. In the course of my wandering, I had taken the funicular to the top of Hong Kong's Peak. Up there, where the breezes are cooler than at sea-level, well-clothed children walked peacefully with their Nannies. Their homes, looking down grandly on the skyscrapers, tenements and shacks of the rest of the colony, were mansions.

The casual tourist who comes to Hong Kong only to sight-see at Aberdeen, Repulse Bay, and on the Peak; to feast in the many restaurants; and to shop in the tax-free stores; may return home impressed by the beautiful, natural setting, and the plentiful supply of comparatively cheap luxury items. Yet, on my arrival in Hong Kong, I was forced to realize that even the most indifferent resident must share some of the inconveniences that compound the misery of multitudes of the Chinese population in the colony. Safely ensconced in my hotel room, I decided that I needed a wash and a drink of water, before venturing out for any shopping or sight-seeing. With pleasant anticipation I turned on the tap. A blast of air exploded! Then I noticed the sign: "Running water between the hours of 6 and 8 a.m. and 6 and 8 p.m. only."

Thirsty and dirty, I descended to the desk to inquire about the water situation. The desk clerk explained that Hong Kong is so over-populated by refugees fleeing from Communist China that there is a perpetual severe water shortage. Therefore, the Government has imposed a form of rationing by limiting the running water to four hours a day.

I decided to learn more about the refugees. So I walked over to the offices of the Church of Christ in China. Generously, they planned to spend two afternoons showing me some of their social work—a school that had evacuated from Canton; a day nursery for children of working mothers; a handicraft centre where widows learn to support themselves with their own work.

The next afternoon I found myself trudging up the staircase of a seven - storey apartment building with Miss Ho, who is in charge of social work for the Church of Christ in China. She explained that the Government, taxed almost beyond limit by the thousands of newcomers arriving yearly, had constructed over forty of these buildings, each of which can house two thousand people. In such emergency housing, there could be no frills like elevators. Walking along the open-air corridors, we peered furtively into some of the apartments. How crowded they were! Each apartment consisted of one room, measuring eleven by eleven feet, and housing at least five people, according to Government regulations. Those who were not away at work, or attending the school on the roof, were sitting, some in their rooms and some in the corridor, all talking in the loud Chinese fashion. Multiplying each voice by the two thousand inhabitants of the building, times the ten buildings in the block, I found my ears ringing! "How can they live here all the time, enduring this noise and crowding?" I asked. "It's preferable to sleeping on the street," explained Miss Ho. "Didn't you notice people lying in doorways when you were out last night?"

Yes, I agreed, anyone who has lived in the streets would be glad to have even this much privacy — along with the shelter and the four hours of running water.

A few days later, when I left Hong Kong, my mind was strained under a confused impression of floating Chinese restaurants and English teas; men standing in doorways, widows chattering happily as they learned a craft; Nannies walking well-fed children; of scrubbed faces in a church-sponsored day - nursery; of mansions, and teeming Government apartments. The Church and secular agencies are helping thousands of Hong Kong's poor, but, for thousands more, Hong Kong represents an almost hopeless shortage of houses, work, food or water. Yet the refugees continue to smuggle themselves over the border, to become part of the wealth and squalor, the faith and hopelessness, that have brought together over 3,000,000 people, in this dot on the map between East and West.

Presbyterian W.M.S. Training Centres
1963

Keep these dates in mind and watch for further publicity.

Dates and Places

July 8-12	Luther College, Regina, Saskatchewan
July 22-26	Albert College, Belleville, Ontario

Purpose

To provide opportunities for those carrying leadership responsibilities, and for those willing to prepare to carry responsibility, to grow—

- in their knowledge and understanding of the Bible
- in spiritual insight and fellowship
- in an understanding of The Presbyterian Church and its work
- in their ability as leaders

THE "QUIET ROOM"

IN THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, OTTAWA

DID YOU KNOW that there is now a small Chapel set up in Canada's Parliament Buildings, in Ottawa, and very like the peaceful little room which is set aside for prayer and meditation in the International Headquarters of the United Nations in New York? It is built in what used to be the office of Canada's first Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald, and it is complete with altar, chairs, and kneelers. It is for those of any Faith. On one of its walls there will hang a needlework portrait, "The Head of Christ" — a beautiful piece of work done by Sgt. Gordon Dawkins, of Bracebridge, Muskoka, who is a supervisory cook at the Royal Canadian Air Force Station in Rockcliffe. This was presented by him to the retiring Speaker of the Commons, Mr. Roland Michener, who accepted it, with pleasure and admiration, to hang in this new "Quiet Room" of Canada's Parliament Buildings, where members of Parliament may look upon it, as they pause here for a moment of prayer and meditation in, the midst of their difficult problems in the troubled world of today. (Ed.)

Your Prayers are asked

—For more workers in Formosa. The General Assembly of the Formosan Church is asking for nine Missionaries as soon as possible, to work in the Aboriginal district.

—For all agencies producing Christian Literature, and for a wide distribution of this literature, particularly among the people obtaining their independence in Africa.

—For all new officers of local groups and Presbyterials, that they may seriously and prayerfully endeavour to know the work for which they are responsible, and perform their duties as a service to God.

—For all Synodical Executives as they plan for annual meetings, that all plans made may be for the advancement of the Christian mission to the world.

—For the staff and pupils of Birtle and Cecelia Jeffery Indian Schools, that through their influence and love, Christ's kingdom may be extended in 1963.

—For our Hospital Visitor in Winnipeg—giving thanks for her recovery from illness, and for all those who have learned of Christ's love through her ministry.

ATTENTION — EVENING GROUPS!

You will now be making plans for 1963! Please remember the important Biennial Conference to be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kingston, Ontario on May 3, 4, 5. Send as many of your group as possible, for it promises to be a wonderful weekend. The theme will be—

"Look up — to God;
Look in — to your heart;
Look out — to the world."

Auxiliaries will be receiving further information about this in due time.

CORRECTED ADDRESSES !

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Sharing in Canadian Missions

OBSERVATIONS OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND IN ACTION

by FLORA WHITEFORD

WITH SUCH an enriching sabbatical leave I can share with you only the mountain top experiences. Most thought-provoking was the Word of God, Sunday by Sunday, at St. George's Church West, Edinburgh, under the ministry of Dr. M. E. Macdonald, author of "The Need to Believe". The relevancy of Dr. Macdonald's preaching can be seen in a quote from one of his sermons: "Jesus Christ died for all men, for the saints and the sadists, the moralists and the murderers, the self-righteous and the sex-perverts. Deny it as we will, we are members one of another 'For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body'. This is Christian salvation—there is none other."

Others, whom I heard, brought messages of inspiration and instruction. During Holy Week, Reverend Prof. Josef Hromadka, Dean of the Jan Hus Theological Faculty of Prague University, Czechoslovakia, spoke on the theme: "The Church Under the Cross." Guest speakers at the annual Edinburgh University Mission were Pastor Martin Neimoeller and Canon Max Warren. At a special lecture by Prof. Ritchie Calder, professor of International Relations, Edinburgh University, many straight-forward questions were asked of Christians in the field of science and nuclear arms. "As Christians, you should recognize that we cannot take God's power into our hands, to visit the sins of the fathers unto the third and fourth generations, to corrupt and destroy the genes of human inheritance in the still unborn. A nuclear war is a suicide pact, with no victor, no vanquished, no way of life preserved. That, and by no means all, is the threat. But science also provides a promise. And we have it in our power to turn the threat into a promise."

Weekly classes at New College in Theology and New Testament with Professors James and Tom Torrance, and James S. Stewart (Moderator-Elect) continue to be an inspiration to me. Criminology and Social Work classes at the School of Social Work, Edinburgh University, provide necessary background studies for a new phase of my work in Court-room and jail.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland differs from that of the Canadian Presbyterian Church in that it is the Assembly of the National, or State, Church. Because of this, it has become vested with all the State pomp and National significance of a Scottish Parliament. Officials from all levels of Government made an impressive sight at the opening exercises, in their red velvet and white ermine robes. The Queen's appointed delegate, the Earl of Mansfield, brought personal greetings from Her Majesty, as well as thought-provoking challenge to the commissioners and delegates. The opening Service of Worship in St. Giles Cathedral was followed by a processional which traditionally arouses much public interest. Their impressive march to the General Assembly buildings seemed a fitting beginning for the Court proceedings in the stately setting. With the help of New College friends I was able to obtain a ticket for the spectator's gallery (the cost of which was 10 shillings).

As an Overseas Church Worker, I was extended an invitation to the Continental and Colonial Committee's annual luncheon, to bring greetings from the Canadian Church. Under this impressive title similar work is accomplished as that done by our own Women's Missionary Society (W.D.). Because of this engagement I was extended an invitation to the Queen's Garden Party at Hollyrood Palace, the official residence during the Assembly of the Queen's High Commissioner.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

During Edinburgh University Mission Week, an address by Canon Max Warren, "We Need More Nonconformists," made a lasting impact for good on those who heard it. The nonconformity of which Canon Warren spoke was the kind that thousands of us often lack the courage to declare—the refusal to conform to the world's ethical standards and the church's organizational patterns. "How terribly easy it is for Christians to give the impression that they are passing judgment on other people. We must stand inside society, because society can only be changed from within. That is precisely what the Incarnation means to a Christian. The God we believe in was not content to manipulate events from outside, but was located within the human community. And if you are really inside the community it means that you identify yourself with it, sharing its joys—yes, but also sharing its sorrows; sharing the pain and being ready for the ultimate demand that society may make on you, to demonstrate just how intimately related to society you are." Tangible evidences of this kind of nonconformity can be seen in the newly developing Youth Groups. In Saint James' Street Mission, Edinburgh's east end, where New College students work in a depressed area, a tiny coffee house was rented. Here, young people from the district gather to while away leisure hours, and are met by friends of the Mission. Another such venture was begun at Saint Giles' Church House for University students. It is known as the Coal-Pit. Concerned members in St. Giles Cathedral realize the importance and usefulness of a Club where young people can be met in a Christian atmosphere, and openly discuss problems on an intellectual level. The youth work of which I am most familiar is the group of young people who meet three times weekly in Saint George's Church West, Edinburgh. This is Edinburgh's latest meeting point for youth and is called "The Cephas", a cellar-cafe-club in the basement of the church. It is the responsibility of five West End churches, Presbyterian and Episcopalian, and the work is directed by a council representing the Presbytery and the five churches. In the Cephas club we see "nonconformists" standing, working, and praying, inside society, realizing these young lives can only be changed from within. This Club is open three nights weekly to young people, whether connected with a church or not. Refreshments, dancing and games are provided, and a meeting place for Edinburgh youth in a Christian environment. The Church and National Committee of the Church of Scotland presented a statement to the General Assembly in 1960: "It may be necessary to relinquish traditional and orthodox ways in dealing with those who are completely unorthodox, and recognize no tradition. And while the Church surrenders none of its evangelistic zeal, it may have to use more indirect methods of evangelism . . ." The Presbytery of Edinburgh has given youth work much consideration before starting these new ventures. Christian workers among these groups find that the journey is a little longer for those with no church background. But a bridge of friendship is being built, and if this is being done in the name of Christ, is not this a holy calling? These are the kind of endeavours which the Canadian Church would do well to emulate. Our arms seem so short in reaching out to the young people on the street.

Both my study and observation-time in Scotland have equipped me more fully for the job at hand. New approaches and different ways of doing things have sharpened my insight into the needs of the downtown community. It has also given me a fresh awareness of the common mission to which all Christians are called.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FRIDAY, MARCH 1st, 1963

by (MRS. P. K.) DOROTHY R. HAMBLY
Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada

"ON YOUR KITCHEN WALL no doubt there is a big calendar, the right kind of calendar, one which is easily seen, and there, around the figure "1" in March of 1963, I want you to put a circle. And now I will tell you why this date has such a deep significance for the people of Canada. We have many women's organizations in Canada, amusement clubs, study clubs, service groups, craft guilds and missionary societies. But we also have many women in Canada who belong to no organization at all. We are all concerned, deeply concerned, with the state of the world at this brittle moment."

This quotation, slightly adapted, from the facile pen of the late Nellie L. McClung, might have been written today, but in reality, it was the prelude to her appeal to the women of Canada to join in prayer with their Christian sisters around the world, on the World Day of Prayer in 1942. Written during the dark days of the war, it carried a message of strength and courage. This same spirit of vital valour is to be found in the Order of Service prepared for 1963 by the Christian women of Korea, under the theme "MORE THAN CONQUERORS". A large number of Korean Nationals, and a few Missionaries, met monthly from September to May, 1960-61 in Seoul, and more often as the time drew near to complete the manuscript. A small committee was chosen from this group under the leadership of Mrs. David Chung, to prepare the World Day of Prayer Service for use around the world in 1963.

Of especial interest to Canadians is the fact that Mrs. Chung came to Canada in 1956, with her husband, on a one year scholarship for "Observation and Study of Women's Work in the United Church of Canada". Later, she accompanied her husband to Yale University, where Mrs. Chung took some classes in Christian Education. She is now the General Secretary of the Women's Evangelistic Society in Korea and President of the All Korea W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea.

The city of Seoul in Korea is divided by the World Day of Prayer Committee into thirty-five districts, with a service being held in each district. Every service is carefully and prayerfully prepared for. Let us, in Canada, be as devoted and as faithful in our preparatory efforts as are our Korean sisters. Services are also held in hospitals, schools, prisons and leper settlements, with a special one in Ewha University.

The story of Ewha University; one of the twelve colleges receiving World Day of Prayer support, comes out of the memories and aftermath of Korean war years, as does this Worship Service, which is being shared around the world today. "We were between the live and the dead, but God was always there and kept us brave." Thus ended the account written by Chung Sook, in her attempt to put into English some of the soul-trying experiences of students of Ewha University, as they carried on in caves and crude huts in Pusan, their school room in exile. Day after day they sat through classes in their cumbersome threadbare winter coats—there never was any heat. The meagre breakfast each day had to last until the evening meal, which was never hearty. There was no noon meal.

"It was always hard, but we were happy that we could continue our classes, and prayed for the day when we could go back to Seoul to rebuild our beloved University. We carried back all the usable wood from our temporary shacks to build chairs and desks. The prayers and gifts of our friends in America have helped rebuild our precious library, wiped out by the ravages of the war. Each year, girls from north of the thirty-eighth parallel, who could not bring in money nor possessions, have been given scholarships, made possible from the World Day of Prayer offerings. Our student body has grown from nine hundred in 1950 to over 8,000 in 1962. Young women of Korea are coming in throngs, for more education to prepare themselves for many different occupations, and for modern home life. But alas, each year over one thousand applicants must be turned away."

But Schools and Universities are not the only means we find for enlarging the influence of the World Day of Prayer. The files in the office of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada at 97 St. George St., Toronto, contain many letters of thanks and acknowledgement from areas where our prayers have been converted into action. The printed word is always a most potent force as the following letter will prove. With a recent copy of "Redencion," an evangelical leaflet from Bolivia, comes the statement: "We publish 15,000 copies of these every month, and they are distributed free of charge all over Bolivia, as well as in the neighboring republics of Peru, Chile, Argentina, Paraguay and Brazil. They are used by all denominations and are greatly sought after. In the isolated areas which are often cut off by the rains from more populated parts, these evangelical leaflets are dropped in packages of 50 from airplanes. This is sometimes the only reading matter that reaches such remote villages. Please express to your committee our appreciation for your contribution."

In far-off Nepal our gifts have aided in a new enterprise. The Secretary of the Nepali Christian Literature Committee writes as follows: "The country of Nepal is one of the new mission fields of the world. We are glad to have friends like you, who are helping to publish and distribute thousands of pieces of Nepali Christian Literature to those who have never yet heard." "During our first year of publishing we have produced 12 Nepali books, 7 tracts (160,000 copies), a Literacy monthly magazine, a Christian Quarterly family magazine, and this bi-monthly news letter. Continue praying for the distribution and reading of this literature."

Africa, too, has shared in our world-wide interest. Mrs. Wiseman, formerly the Vice-President of the Women's Inter-Church Council, writing from East Africa, speaks of the literacy work among women and children, in which we were priviledged to share. "One would think, in such a day and generation, that all children would have the opportunity of learning, but it is not so. Just last week on a Safari through Tanganyika we came across a mud and wattle school, with thatched roof, that children had built themselves, so that they could learn. An educated African boy is content to accept a few shillings a month (a shilling is fifteen cents Canadian money) to teach eighty children who gather. They had no seats, no desks, no books and he taught them scratching on the mud wall! I am sending them some help. There is no Government help for bush schools such as these. Yet the children are so anxious to learn."

We hope many of our women have retained their copies of the 1962 World Day of Prayer Service and have continued to pray for the causes both in our own Canada and abroad represented on the last two pages. Each one has a story full of colour and romance, of heroism, often of privation — sometimes martyrdom. And in each area we will find Christian women joining with us on March 1st, 1963 as we forge a chain of prayer around the world. May we close with a further quotation from Nellie McClung: "A World's Day of Prayer, if we enter into it earnestly by laying aside all our hatreds and prejudices, our conceits and superiorities, may create a beam of spiritual light which will circle the globe. Who knows what humble effort may tip the scale towards a victory for righteousness? Let us not be so much concerned with what God can do for us, as what He can do through us, so we too may become "more than Conquerors".

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Dear Lord, We Thank Thee!

For all Thy patience through the years,
The years that come, the years that go;
Thy patience with our faults and fears—
Dear Lord, we thank Thee—kneeling low!

Jean Blewett

NOTICE

1963 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FRIDAY, MARCH 1st

THEME — MORE THAN CONQUERORS

MATERIALS AVAILABLE

Adult	Order of Service in English	2c each
	" " " " French	2c each
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	" " " " Japanese	2c each
Girls'	" " "	1 ½c each
Children's	" " "	1 ½c each

Copies of the Adult Service in Braille are free on request.

Posters	10c each
Film Strip "The World Day of Prayer in Action"	$1.50

Suggestions for Speakers	Free on request
History of the World Day of Prayer	
Planning for the World Day of Prayer	

Orders should be sent to:

Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada
97 Saint George Street
Toronto 5, Ontario

Orders must be received in the office not later than Feb. 15th, 1963.

God's Night

When evening draws her curtain,
With stars thy sky is dressed,
One marvels at God's Quiet,
All nature is at rest.
Darkness like a blanket
Enfolds the day's bright light,
And God in solemn stillness
Gives His children night.

We need not fear the darkness,
For God our hand will take,
And lead us through the dimness
Until the morning break.
Then why should we be fearful
Though storms the nations shake?
We know God walks beside us
And safe our path doth make!

(Selected)

Miss Teen-Ager

"I REMEMBER HONG KONG—"

by MARY WONG

MY NAME IS MARY WONG. I am a teen-age girl living in Toronto, but I was born in China, and lived in Hong Kong for eleven years of my life.

I remember Hong Kong as a crowded seaport full of contrasts—great poverty and great riches; apartment houses and hovels on the mountain side; crowded streets, factories, and waterfronts. Though I have been in Canada about three years, I often think back to my friends whom I left behind. Like myself, they are now teen-agers.

Teen-agers in Hong Kong may be divided into three groups, according to the place your family holds in society — upper class, middle class and lower class. These classes are based on the amount of wealth in the family.

Upper class girls live in homes with many rooms, a garden and swimming pool. In the summer, the family live in their summer home by the sea. The girls have their own servants to clean up after them, and to take them to school. They attend girls' schools of good reputation, where they may have all, or some, of their classes in English. They travel to and from school in the family car, and can afford to have all the latest fashions in clothing. These girls have all kinds of pleasure, such as parties, travel, theatre, and are usually unaware of the suffering round about them.

Next are those girls from so-called "middle class" families. The father has a permanent job, with a monthly income of $600 to $700 Hong Kong dollars ($120-$130 in Canadian money). Most of them live in apartments of one or two rooms. The buildings may be 6 or 7 stories (or more) but very few have elevators. People who work for the government may live in government-owned buildings, which are nicer and less expensive than others, but not more spacious. This is a no-car family, and of course they could not afford a servant, whose wages would be at least one hundred Hong Kong dollars. But the teen-ager's life is not too difficult. The schools which they attend are not so luxurious as the upper class ones, and after school they have to help their mother with the housework, or take care of younger brothers and sisters. In the evening, they study and do their homework. These teen-agers enjoy shows, picnics, swimming, and hikes to Victoria

Peak—most of the things that teenagers here in Canada enjoy.

I do not really want to talk about the teen-age girls from the poor families, because their life is very pitiful. They live in housing provided by the government. These are huge buildings, many stories high, where the rent is very low. The apartments are only one room, in which the family lives, eats, and sleeps. There is a common bathroom, shared by all the people on the floor. Many people cannot obtain housing in such buildings, and live in wooden shacks on the sides of the mountains. The poorest live in the street.

The parents go to work early in the morning, and the teen-age girls have to stay home to take care of everything—washing clothes, cooking, doing the housework, and caring for younger brothers and sisters. Their family cannot afford schooling for them, because tuition fees are too high, especially in the day school. Some parents do consider the future of their children, and send them to take night courses, which are less expensive, just within the family budget. These night schools are held in the schools attended during the day by the middle class girls.

Some of the parents are even jobless, and sometimes the income is not enough for the family's living expenses. Girls in such cases will have no opportunity to attend even night school. (Some even suffer from hunger.) In such families, some of the girls will go to work in the factories, others work as waitresses, just to obtain a few dollars a day. But some teen-age girls, affected by all the bad influences around them, or tempted by material needs, will take jobs as dancing girls, and become more and more immoral in their lives. The fate of their lives is different from other teen-age girls, but I have sympathy for all of them. I only pray God to give them guidance.

In all of these groups, you will find Christian teen-agers, who live lives very different from the others. These boys and girls go to Sunday School and Church regularly. They have friendships, and a life and faith, that the non-Christian teenagers do not have. They see those around them and try to help. Some give money to help the poor; others teach the children of the poor families, in Sunday Schools held on the roofs of the tall government buildings. They are not led into immoral lives by their desire for material needs. I miss the life in Hong Kong which had been my home for so long. I miss my friends. There was always lots to do. The weather was warm—I knew the language—and I found school, too, was different when I came to Canada.

Some people say Hong Kong is a paradise, and, to a certain extent, I cannot deny it. Yet on the other hand, the opposite of paradise is hell. Both are found in this little island, and the adjoining territory that is known as Hong Kong.

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

BELIEFS THAT COUNT By Georgia Harkness

There is indeed much food for careful and introspective thought in this small book of twelve chapters, each one dealing with one affirmation of our Christian faith. The Author, who until 1961 was Professor of Applied Theology at the Pacific School of Religion, and received her Ph.D. from Boston University, is well known, in addition to her teaching ability, for the more than twenty books she has written, all upon subjects of the Christian Faith, and its interpretation. In the introduction to this, her latest book, she says "The purpose of this book is to state the timeless truths of the Christian faith, in terms relevant to the perplexities and confusions, the aspirations, joys and sorrows of modern man in a troubled world—to try to see not only what Christians are entitled to believe, but also how these beliefs 'count,' in the business of living." Georgia Harkness is recognized as one of the outstanding religious leaders and teachers of our day, and any book from her pen is well worthwhile. Price $1.00.

"SINGING WINDOWS" By Mary Young

How beautiful and meaningful are the lovely stained glass windows, which truly "sing" of the glory of the Lord in so many Churches of all denominations and faiths! Never can one forget the glowing colours of ancient glass, or the magnificent workmanship which have made such windows, in many famous Cathedrals of Europe, the precious treasures of the ages, and filled the eyes of countless visitors with reverence and jewel-like radiance. In this excellent book, the author tells the Biblical stories, and the legends, embodied in many of these world-famous windows, as well of those on our own continent. The development of many designs, used now, even as in ancient days, is cleverly and informatively told, and the book is splendidly illustrated with coloured, and black and white, drawings. One chapter, particularly, will delight the younger reader, telling as it does, how to design and create a "stained glass window," using paper as the medium. Price—$3.95.

FRACTURE ZONE By Wilbur K. Howard

This book is one of those particularly recommended among this year's Resource and Reading Books, and it is meant especially for teen-agers from

15 to 17 years old. "Fracture," in this interpretation, does not mean a broken bone; it means the breaking down of feelings, morale, self-respect, and friendships, and in this book we are shown that the youth of today comes into many "fracture zones," through which the travelling is painful, without help and understanding. Four of these "zone-vignettes" are given in this well-written book — physical handicaps; mental retardation; loneliness; and unwanted pregnancy. "Life would be hopeless" writes the Author, "if you tried to go it alone. The team that copes with the fractures of life most satisfactorily is the Church, the body of Christ. The Church has a faith, and faith fixes fractures. In a Christian Youth Group, members share one another's interests, problems, and concerns. Both the Group and you, are different because of Christ. In a Christian group, you learn how to deal with situations that fracture." The four stories outlined in this book, show how Christian love and understanding, through contact with a Church Youth Group, helps to heal these fractures, and give to each a new start in life.

The Rev. Wilbur K. Howard, who wrote this book, has had a wide experience with young people, as Boys' Work Secretary for nine years for the Ontario Religious Education Council, and now as Chairman of the Committee on Teen-Age Work of the Canadian Council of Churches. He is a graduate in Theology of Emmanuel College Toronto, and is at present Associate Editor of Sunday School Publications for the United Church of Canada. This is a valuable book, both for Group Discussion, and for personal reading.

Price — $2.95 cloth; $1.75 paper.

A "MUST" FOR EVERY PRESBYTERIAN!

"NO TIME TO FALTER" is certainly one book which every member of the Presbyterian Church in Canada should possess, and carefully read from the first page to the last! This is the complete account of the Missionary endeavour of our Church, in 1962, including, of course, the work carried on by the Women's Missionary Societies of that Church, both W.D. and E.D. It was prepared at the direction of the Missionary Education Committee, and its Editor is the Rev. R. M. Ransom, Th.B., Assistant Overseas Secretary, of the General Board of Missions. The canvas is wide, stretching all the way from Canada's Maritimes to far-away Nigeria, and the portraits of our Mission Work etched thereon are clear and incisive, giving factual pictures of the needs, opportunities, and changing profiles of each Field, in these days of new world conditions and awakening peoples.

Synod by Synod, all across Canada, the Mission Work in Canada is presented, each with its own individual problems and requirements; in our Overseas Mission Work, a clear understanding is given of the responsibilities of our Church in the new phase of World Mission, as we must face them on the various Fields — Formosa; India; British Guiana; Japan, and the Korean Christian Church there; Nigeria, where we work with a vital and emerging Nigerian Presbyterian Church. Both an inspiration and a challenge, "No Time To Falter" impresses upon the thinking reader the truth of its closing sentence — "the frontiers of mind and spirit are waiting for those with courage to go adventuring for the Kingdom of God." Within the Presbyterian Church in Canada there are many who are now doing just that — and many more who will be doing so, as God gives them the vision, and they realize the need.

Price — .50c per single copy.

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Boys and Girls!

LETTERS FROM JAPAN

by ANN C. PECKOVER

(Adapted from information given by the Rev. D. C. Powell)

DEAR MARGARET:—

How are you getting on in Explorers? I was glad to hear from you last week. It sounds as if you have a busy year ahead of you. Isn't it nice that you are thinking about Taiwan and Japan this year!

Our new Explorer group started a few weeks ago. Already we have twelve members, and Mother has asked each boy and girl to bring a friend. Mother has also asked the Korean Minister's wife to come and watch us, whenever she likes.

The Minister's wife has a five-year-old daughter, Sook-ni-Kim, who wants to come and watch us, too. Sook-ni Kim lives with her mother, father, and two-year-old brother, in two rooms at the back of the little church. The ladies in the church are trying to raise some money to get a house for the Minister, and the Explorers are planning to help, though we're keeping it a secret from Sook-ni Kim and her parents.

Just last week, Sook-ni Kim was enrolled in the kindergarten at the church. The kindergarten meets every day, for six days every week. Sook-ni Kim is very happy, for she tells me that she likes kindergarten very much. To-day she told me about what had happened at school, for it was a very special day.

I should explain that, instead of having a separate birthday for each child whose birth-date is in January, the children have one special day at the end of the month, when they have a celebration for all who had birthdays during the month. Sook-ni Kim told me that they don't have cake, but they do have candied rice, which is just as good. While the children are celebrating, the teachers and mothers meet for a parent-teachers meeting, which they have once a month. The teachers tell the mothers how the children are getting along in school, and also where they might improve. This way, the mothers can help the children do better in school. After the meeting, the mothers come and join in the party, before taking their children home.

Besides the Minister, we have a Bible Woman at the church. Mrs. Pak is like a deaconess and a teacher rolled into one. She teaches hymns and Bible stories to the children on Sundays, and holds Bible classes for adults during the week.

I must go now. Sumiko and I have to go to the post office, so I'll mail this letter there. Please say hello to the Canadian Explorers for me. I forgot to mention that the Explorers here have learned the Explorer Purpose. Mother and I plan to teach them about the missions in South America, which we learned about this year. Love—Betty.

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NEWSY NOTES FROM NIGERIA!

KA! (THE OHAFIA GREETING)

Dorothy is just in from visiting a C.G.C. (Christian Girls' Club) group 15 miles from here. They are planning a camp for the holidays. I was out to see another group this afternoon. There were 20 present, but they have 37 on the roll! They were busy learning about the books of the Bible—how some are law books, some poetry, some about the prophets. Sometimes the girls do a project for the church, or the community. One group has been planting flowers in their church grounds. Too bad you couldn't have joined them as they sang and worked! By the way, we now have a C.G.C. uniform. A real bright blue for the skirt and head-tie. The traders call it 'electric blue!' With it the girls wear a white blouse, which has no sleeves of course. Too hot!

Remember Ngozi, our friend who is in Standard 5 at school? Well, she is now in Standard 6, and so will finish primary school this year. She wants to go ahead and train to be a teacher, but her father may not have enough money to send her. So she may get married instead! Sounds funny to you maybe, but the girls out here marry younger than we do in

Canada. They are quite ready to cook, too, and look after their children, because they have lots of practice at home! Just like you, they, too, have to look after little brothers and sisters. Sometimes, we see a little girl carrying another who isn't much bigger than herself. Mother is often at the market, or on the farm, so little sister has to be the mother.

Market, here, is every four days — that means once a week, because the Ibo week is made up of four days — Nkwo, Eke, Orie, and Afo. Our girls are called any one of these names too, just like some of you have been called after a month—May or June. Some of the boys here are called Sunday or Monday; Ngozi means 'blessing.' Did you know that Dorothy means 'gift of God?' Chinyere is the same in Ibo.

How would you like to grow up out here? Some of you may know the three Roberts boys from Canada, whose father is a missionary out here. They love it! The heat doesn't seem to worry them. Of course their mother doesn't have to worry too much about clothes for them as they wear little! They enjoy Nigerian food too—yam, palm oil, and fish. I wish I could give you a recipe for a Nigerian dish, but you don't have all the ingredients there in Canada. Here's something for you to do though—find out all that you can about the following fruits which we have here:—avocado, guava, mango, paw-paw, sour sop. Maybe somebody could get some pictures of some of them from the library.

We hope you are enjoying your Mission Study this year in your group. You'll be learning more about God's children in other lands. We are really all sisters, aren't we, since we are all God's children? I hope you still remember us, and our Nigerian friends, in your prayers. Did you know that two new nurses are coming from Canada to join us? If you look in the July-August 'Glad Tidings' you will see their pictures.

Now we must say 'good-night'—ka chi fo.

Agnes Gollan and Dorothy Bulmer

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BE THANKFUL!

Be thankful for the task too great
for you,

The plan that is too large for you
alone;

The need that claims a better than
your best,

And draws you humbly to the
Father's throne. (Selected)

SYNODICAL GIVINGS

January - November 1962

	1961	1962
British Columbia	7,173.20	6,400.00
Alberta	4,600.00	8,119.91
Saskatchewan	3,846.67	4,962.42
Manitoba	6,812.84	7,018.00
Hamilton & London	78,308.04	66,566.25
Toronto & Kingston	60,987.61	68,450.60
Montreal & Ottawa	30,801.70	39,446.29
	$192,530.06	$200,963.47

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THIS IS MY CHURCH!

"This is my church. It is composed of people like me. We make it what it is.

I want it to be a church that is a lamp to the path of pilgrims, leading them to goodness, truth, and beauty. It will be if I am.

It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do a great work, if I work. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty, and love, of fearlessness and faith; and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all of these things that I want my church to be." (Selected)

(This interesting item is from the Church Calendar of First Presbyterian Church, Haddonfield, New Jersey, U.S.A., which was sent to us recently by Mrs. C. A. McGibbon, a well-remembered worker in our Women's Missionary Society, (W.D.), who now lives in the United States and attends this Church. Situated in the famous Delaware Valley, this interesting Presbyterian Church, last November celebrated its 91st Anniversary, and, starting with 21 members, now has a congregation of over 2,800. Perhaps this splendid "credo" has had something to do with its growth and influence through the years!) Ed.

NEW RESPONSIBILITIES!

In a new arrangement between The British and Foreign Bible Society and the American Bible Society for sharing responsibilities for Bible Society work in many parts of the world, the Canadian Bible Society, for the first time since it was organized in 1904, will assume responsibility for the administration of Bible Society work outside of Canada. Included in the area to be administered by the Canadian Bible Society are Cuba, Bermuda, Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, British Honduras, British Guiana, Grenada, St. Vincent, St. Lucia, Dominica, Jamaica, Trinidad, Tobago, Saba, St. Eustabius, St. Martin, St. Croix and St. John, Bible Society Secretaries, in the area to be administered by the Canadian Bible Society, are located in Havana, Cuba, and Kingston, Jamaica.

In addition to the task of administration, the Canadian Bible Society has also undertaken to pay $170,000. per annum which is half the cost of Bible Society work in Cuba, the West Indies and Central America. The new responsibility being assumed by the Canadian Bible Society is in addition to its extensive distribution program for Canada, and its support of the world-wide translation, production and distribution of the Scriptures for all men in their own languages.

(The Canadian Bible Society,
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VELLORE MAKES HISTORY IN SOUTH INDIA!

DURING 1961 in the Christian Medical College Hospital, Vellore, history has been made. For the first time in Asia, open heart surgery was performed successfully, and the patient went home fully recovered. Dr. Gopinath, the surgeon, gave a talk over the radio from Madras after the news one evening, telling of this operation and of the hope it holds out to those in India who had no hope of recovery, or who would otherwise have to spend large sums of money going to the West to have this operation done.

During the year, also, two ear specialists visited Vellore from America, and demonstrated a new operation for a certain type of deafness. In this operation a tiny piece of stainless steel or plastic is used in place of the stapes bone, and once it is inserted the patient is immediately able to hear, even on the operating table. These men were dedicated Christians, and left to the

Hospital their very costly equipment, including a powerful microscope under which the work is done. Now Vellore doctors are able to perform this operation.

The artificial kidney is now set up and working. The story of how this came about is worth recording. A patient with some means was admitted to hospital, and came to know that by use of the artificial kidney he might be much helped. There was no artificial kidney in hospital, and so he offered to provide the money to instal one. However, even then there was no one who knew how to run it. Again he offered to send a doctor to America for six months, to learn about it. While he was away the patient himself died. Now however, the artificial kidney is there and others are benefiting from this generosity.

(Reported by Agnes Forrest in "The Church Overseas" — Presbyterian Church of Scotland.)

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THE RIGHT TO TEACH CHRISTIANITY

ALTHOUGH ALL CHRISTIANS have not attained the heights of the lofty idealism of true Christianity, the fact remains that numerically, historically, and culturally, Canada *is* a Christian country.

The census states that about 95% of Canadians claim membership in the various Christian communions. The early settlers, under guidance of Christian missionaries, built the foundation of this country upon deep religious convictions. Culture of all lands emanate from their religions. Our culture is inextricably interwoven with Christianity. As Communist morality is the basis of Russian education, so Christian morality is the foundation of our Canadian education.

Education was founded and fostered by Christian churches. In early days teachers were, in general, Clergyman. When common schools were instituted in Ontario, the School Act of 1843 included Religious Instruction, subject to the wishes of parents.

The purpose of inaugurating a "public" school system was to guarantee to every child the right to an education. It in no way meant to change the true meaning and purpose of it. The religious character and purposes of the founding fathers, recorded in various history texts, verify this.

Egerton Ryerson, founder of our Ontario public, compulsory system of education said, "With what a noble race would Canada be peopled . . . if every child, from this time henceforth, should receive eight years' instruction in the practical arts and duties of life, on Christian principles."

In the Documentary History of Education in Upper Canada Vol. 7, 1847, we read, "The creed of our Government, as representing a Christian people of various forms of worship, is Christianity, in the very broadest and most comprehensive sense of the term — the practice of the Government should correspond with its creed — Christianity therefore, upon the most popular principle of government, should be a basis for a Provincial System of Education."

In a preamble to The Bill of Rights, 1960, there is a declaration acknowledging the supremacy of God in Canada, and a statement that the principles, human rights, and freedoms in the Bill are derived from moral and spiritual values. WHAT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE GOVERNMENT MUST ALSO BE A PART OF EDUCATION.

We must uphold the right to teach Christianity, to all who wish to receive its teachings. We do not have the right to force it upon anyone else. We should not fail to give due emphasis to The Old Testament, and the role of the Jews in religious history. Alternative courses should be available if we would avoid mass exemptions, and uphold the ideal of keeping the Bible in every school.

Recognition of God, and our responsibility to Him, have always been reflected in the Government and way of life in Canada. We must guard our country against the growing international movement to destroy religion and promote agnosticism, if we hope to preserve what Christianity provides in the life of the nation — love, mercy, justice, freedom, and the sacred value and rights of the individual.

(Courtesy of The Christian Women's Council of Education, Toronto, Canada.)

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OPEN HOUSE AT "ARMAGH"

COLOURFUL DAHLIAS, grown in the "Armagh" gardens, decorated the halls and rooms when the members of the Board of Directors, and the Staff of "Armagh," held their Annual Open House. Many interested guests were received by the Rev. Malcolm Summers, of Barrie, Chairman of the Board, and Mrs. Summers; Mrs. Margarete Herrig, Director of "Armagh;" and Mrs. H. S. Reid, Co-Chairman of the Property and House Committee. Throughout the building, members of the Staff and Board explained the use of the rooms, and answered questions, concerning the work carried on by "Armagh" (which is the Presbyterian Home for Unmarried Mothers), situated in Clarkson, Ont., and part of the work of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, under the General Board of Missions, and the Home Missions Division.

The Rev. Byron Nevin, of Milton, and the Rev. D. T. Evans, of Thornhill, Chaplains to the girls, were in the Chapel, and in the various rooms others of the Staff met the visitors — The Nurse, Mrs. D. Anderson; Staff Mother, Mrs. Watson; House Mother, Mrs. D. Stevenson; Secretary, Miss E. Shepherd; assisted by Board Members, Mrs. I. G. Sinclair; Mrs.

Fred Collier; Mrs. Oliver Hunter; Mrs. W. M. Geggie; the Rev. J. S. Roe and Mr. T. P. Geggie. Tea Hostesses were Mrs. G. Bowman, of Waterdown, Ont., and others assisting at the Tea Hour were Board Members, Mrs. L. Garver; Mrs. G. Garden; Mrs. R. M. Grainger; Mrs. F. Anderson; Mrs. V. Doody; Mrs. D. J. MacMillan; and Mrs. D. Archer.

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KOOTENAY PRESBYTERIAL — The 60th Anniversary of the formation of the first W. M. S. Auxiliary in the Kootenays was held recently in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Cranbrook,* with representatives from Christ Church Anglican, United Churches, *Cranbrook* and *Kimberley* Auxiliaries attending. Many messages of greeting and congratulations were received, and regrets from many unable to be present. Under the leadership of Mrs. A. R. Henderson, the Pageant, "The Passing Years" was presented; Mrs. Dow gave the Auxiliary History; presentations were made to three long-time members — Mrs. A. Steele, a Life Membership and Pin; Mrs. Dow and Miss A. T. Huchcroft, gold W. M. S. Pins. Mrs. M. Schnell made the Presentations. Mrs. T. E. Roulston was Soloist, and the Senior Choir, with the C.G.I.T., assisted musically. The Presbyterial President, Mrs. Jarrett, of *Kimberley,* gave an inspiring message. The Rev. J. M. Allison, newly - appointed Minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Kimberley,* pronounced the Benediction, and a Social Hour followed, when Mrs. R. A. McBurney, an Auxiliary member since 1924 cut the Anniversary Cake.

At the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W. M. S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Trail,* held on Sunday evening in the Church, Miss J. Boyden, of the China Inland Mission, on furlough from Taiwan, spoke, and showed slides of her work.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. A. J. McBeth, at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the *West Vancouver* W. M. S. Auxiliary, gave an interesting account of the early W. M. S. Group, dating back to 1825, and formed in *Prince Edward Island,* and told of the development of W. M. S. work throughout the years. Special items from "The Glad Tidings" were brought to the members' attention.

Sponsored by the Interim House Committee, a "Fruit of the Harvest" Tea was held at St. Andrew's Hall, of the University of *British Columbia,* with Mrs. Ian Morrison, the General Convener. An abundance of jams, jellies, preserves, honey and pickles, supplied by Presbyterian women, were dedicated by the Rev. Dr. J. A. Ross. Token gifts were presented by representatives of Groups from *Vancouver Island*; Fraser Valley; and lower mainland Churches. Miss Sigrid Ann Thors, and Mr. Michael Cass-beggs, gave a piano and violin duet. Pouring Tea were members of the Anglican, United, Baptist, and Presbyterian Churches.

At two recent Meetings, the Afternoon Auxiliary of the W. M. S. of *Kerrisdale* Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* heard outstanding Guest Speakers: The Rev. Frederick Metzger, Presbyterian Chaplain at Central City Mission, in downtown *Vancouver,* told of his work in this non - denominational Mission for homeless men. At the Thank-Offering Meeting, Major, the Rev. H. A. Doig, Presbyterian Chaplain at *Jericho Beach* Station, *Vancouver,* gave an illustrated Address on this year's Study, "On Asia's Rim." Having seen service in this area, Major Doig gave first-hand information of the challenge the Christian Church faces among the peoples "On Asia's Rim."

Officers of Westminster Presbyterial held a Luncheon to meet Miss Giollo Kelly, B.A., Executive Director of National Missions, on Council Executive, *Toronto.* The Rev. Hugh MacDonald conducted the Worship Service, following which Miss Kelly gave a comprehensive summary of W. M. S. National work, and undertakings. Slides of the *Winnipeg* Fellowship House were shown. A Question Period, which brought the meeting to a close, reflected the active interest Miss Kelly's Address had stimulated.

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EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL — A "Workshop" was held in the Church Parlours of Westmount Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* with some 35 members in attendance, and Mrs. Dorothy Williams in charge of arrangements. Miss Barbara Woodruff, Regional Secretary, conducted the Workshop; Miss Dorothy Hope was registrar; Mrs. D. Crawford was Pianist. The Minister, the Rev. J. Bigelow, welcomed the representatives, and conducted the Opening Devotional, and Mrs. M. Wallace, President of *Edmonton* Presbyterial, introduced the new Study, "The Rim of East Asia." The general Workshop Theme was "Programming," and the Galahad W. M. S. Auxiliary demonstrated the proper way to conduct a Programme; Mrs.

A. Campbell showed how to use a film strip; Mrs. P. Sonnenfeld gave suggestions on how to request a Guest Speaker. *Strathcona* Evening Group read a Play on life in a Mission Hospital in Taiwan. Discussion Groups were then held. Mrs. D. Crawford had a display of interesting literature; Miss Woodruff showed material suitable for Devotionals; Mrs. Sonnenfeld displayed items from Japan. Mrs. D. MacDonald, of Rupert Street Church, *Edmonton* conducted the closing Devotional, and tea was served by the Westmount Group.

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MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL — The W. M. S. Auxiliary, and the Good Cheer Group, participated in the "Anniversary Evening" sponsored by the Burning Bush Group of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw,* when the Pageant, "The Passing Years," was presented, and the History of the three Groups reviewed. Mrs. T. P. Gillies, President of the W. M. S. Auxiliary, and a member of the first Auxiliary formed in this Church in 1909, was presented with an Honorary Membership and Pin; and her daughter, Mrs. H. Crook, President of the Good Cheer Group received a Life Membership and Pin. Miss E. Hudson showed slides of her recent trip to the Orient, and the Special Offering was dedicated to the National Anniversary Project, *Winnipeg* Fellowship House. A Social Hour was enjoyed, following the Meeting.

PRINCE ALBERT PRESBYTERIAL—The Teen Girls Rally, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Tisdale* was attended by girls from *Prince Albert, Melfort, Carregana, Sylvania,* and *Tisdale*. The Rev. S. J. Sharkey conducted Devotions, and welcomed girls and Leaders. Mrs. S. J. Sharkey, Presbyterial Girls' Organizations Secretary, and Presbytery Girls' Work Advisor, had charge of the Rally, which took the form of "A Day At Camp." Miss Margaret Boyd, recently returned from the Christian Youth Conference in *Belfast, Ireland,* gave an interesting account of her trip, illustrated with coloured slides. Miss Marie Sim, spoke on "Worship Services"; Carol Jackson and Shirley Beatty reported the Senior Girl's Camp at *Christopher Lake*; a "hike," in the form of a tour of the town, and the Honey Co-Op, completed the morning activities. Thirty-five delegates enjoyed the Buffet Luncheon, served by *Tisdale* C.G.I.T., after which games were led by *Melfort* Group, and a Sing-Song arranged by *Prince Albert* Group. Mrs. Sharkey introduced the Teen-Age Study Packet, and Miss Boyd told of the Teen-Age Groups associated with our Church. The

Rally closed with Worship Service and Taps.

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL—Sixty members, from *Bekevar, Broadview, Indian Head, Moosomin, Qu'Appelle, Regina,* and *Yorkton* attended the Rally of this Presbyterial in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Whitehead.* An early winter storm kept the *Stoughton,* and *Estevan* delegates from coming. Mrs. G. McEwen, President of *Whitewood* W.A. welcomed visitors, and Presbyterial President, Mrs. W. G. Smith presided at all Sessions, which followed the Theme, "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, in all wisdom." The Opening Service of Worship was conducted by Mrs. Ross Manthorpe, and the Bible Study Period was taken by Mrs. Manthorpe, Mrs. D. McIntosh, Mrs. J. W. McNaughton, Mrs. J. B. Millar, and Miss Margaret Boyd.

Mrs. A. C. Marshall told of the Annual Council Meeting. Mrs. J. H. Allen, and Mrs. J. W. McNaughton reported the Leadership Training Centre, in *Edmonton;* and Mrs. R. Manthorpe reported the Summer Camps held at *Kum-ba-yah.* Mrs. W. J. Rowbotham gave the Anniversaries Committee Report, and a Skit on one of the Anniversaries Projects was presented by Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Manthorpe, Mrs. McIntosh, and Mrs. Henderson. Books available from the W. M. S. Publications Department were reviewed by Mrs. W. A. Wilson; Mrs. J. B. Millar; Mrs. McIntosh; and Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary, led a "Question and Answer" Period. Dinner was served in the Parish Hall.

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — The Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Carberry* Presbyterian Church was "A Mission Family Night," with the small Beginners; the C.O.C.; the Third Year Group; Explorers and C.G.I.T. all participating in the Programme. A Skit on "How Not To Conduct A Meeting" was presented by the Auxiliary, and Mrs. Howard Fee conducted the Devotional Period. Mrs. Haile, representing the Affiliated Group, was Soloist. A Social Hour followed the meeting.

The Fall Sectional Rally of this Presbyterial was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Neepawa,* with delegates attending from *Brandon. Carberry, Wellwood, Portage la Prairie,* and *Winnipeg.* The Devotional Periods were conducted by Miss Dorothy Keller, Regional Secretary, Mrs. J. J. Thomson, *Carberry,* and Miss M. L. Funston, of *Neepawa.* President, Mrs. R. J. Hood presided, and the Theme was "And how shall they believe in Christ, of whom they have not heard." Mrs. C. J. McKinnon, of

Welland, told of the Annual Council Meeting in *Toronto,* and Mrs. J. J. Thomson reported the week's activities at the *Edmonton* Leadership Training Centre. The Zion Guild, of *Wellwood,* gave an interesting Skit on the work of the W.M.S. and the coming Anniversaries. There was a Children's Worship period; a C.G.I.T. presentation; and Secretarial Reports were presented and discussed. Mrs. W. A. Fraser, and Miss Cathie McDougall gave the musical programme, accompanied by Mrs. Robert C. Freeman. Supper was served by Knox Church Women's Groups. Mrs. Ferguson Irwin welcomed delegates, and Mrs. W. H. Vopni responded.

The Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W. M. S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Portage la Prairie,* was the Rev. John W. Burkhart, of Crescent Heights Church. President, Mrs. W. H. Vopni, presided, and the Devotional Period was conducted by Mrs. G. Fairbairn, Mrs. M. McDonald, and Mrs. H. L. Henderson. Mrs. M. McDonald was Organist, and Mrs. H. Bowler gave the Offertory Prayer. Refreshments were served.

At the Affiliation Service held recently in Crescent Heights Presbyterian Church, *Portage la Prairie,* for the Ladies Circle of St. Andrew, Special Guests were Regional Secretary, Miss Dorothy Keller, and the Rev. John Burkhart, newly-appointed Pastor of this Church. Mrs. R. J. Hood, representing *Brandon* Presbyterial and Mrs. C. Christianson, President of the Ladies Circle, participated in the Service.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL—The Annual Fall Rally was held in First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* with delegates present from *Atikokan, Geraldton, McIntyre, Fort William,* and *Port Arthur.* "Service" was the chosen Theme; the Guest Speaker was Miss Dorothy Keller, Regional Secretary; and Devotions were conducted by the Rev. D. R. Conlan, B.A. A Preview of the Mission Study, "Rim of South Asia," was given by Mrs. R. Rose and Mrs. Gordon McCutcheon, *Port Arthur;* Mrs. Keith Williams, *McIntyre,* Mrs. R. C. Browne, and Mrs. Wm. Blundon, *Fort William;* Mrs. John Douglas and Mrs. Warren Peterson, of Atikokan. During the Supper Hour, Presbyterial President, Mrs. G. McDougall, of *Fort William* greeted visitors, and Mrs. W. A. Hunter welcomed delegates on behalf of the W. M. S. Auxiliary of the Church. Mrs. I. Mitchell was "The Voice of the Auxiliary," in the instructive Skit at the close of the Programme, and others taking part in this presentation were Mrs. Graham, Mrs. M. Spidell, Mrs. R. McLeod, Mrs. H. Hollingsworth, Mrs. E. Burke, and Mrs. A. Cameron. Mrs. Wm. Fairley, was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. H. T. Johnstone, of *Fort William.*

At the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W. M. S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Fort William,* the Rev. Daniel Firth, Minister of First Presbyterian Church, was Guest Speaker, and was introduced by the Rev. A. H. Johnston, D.D., Pastor of St. Andrew's. President, Mrs. K. N. Hearnden, presided, and Miss Dorothy Keller, Regional Secretary, conducted the Worship Service. At the Social Hour following, Mrs. J. Shanks, Sr., Mrs. W. Barr, and the Social Committee served refreshments.

Mrs. Gordon McCutcheon was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* her subject being "Thanksgiving for Our Christian Heritage." Mrs. E. S. Sherlock introduced the Speaker, and Miss M. I. L. Smellie expressed the appreciation of the Auxiliary. Mrs. A. Yule and Mrs. G. P. Stirrett gave the Devotional Period, and the Thank-Offering was dedicated by Mrs. W. A. Hunter.

Mrs. W. J. Stirrett, on behalf of the Auxiliary, presented to Mrs. W. A. Hunter, their President, a gift of appreciation on the occasion of her leaving *Port Arthur* to reside in *Newmarket, Ontario.* Mrs. Hunter, the wife of a former teaching Missionary in *British Guiana* and *Trinidad* has lived in *Port Arthur* for some years, and will be greatly missed. Mrs. D. S. McKay and her Committee, were in charge of the Social Hour.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL—At a recent meeting of the W. M. S. Auxiliary of *Kildonan* Presbyterian Church, Miss Janet McBeth, on behalf of the members, presented a copy of the new edition of the New Testament to a long-time member of the Group, Mrs. J. P. Duffin, who is now leaving the Auxiliary to join one more close to her home.

Miss Giollo Kelly, B.A., Executive Secretary of National Missions, *Toronto,* was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of St. James Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg.* President, Mrs. H. Stavely, presided, and the Devotional Period was conducted by Mrs. T. C. Ross. Musical selections were given by the Misses Helen Foggie, and Mary Anne Taylor. The Offering was received and dedicated by the C.G.I.T. The Rev. J. H. Bishop, B.A. closed the Meeting.

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL—The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Glammis,* has presented two Life Memberships recently—one to Mrs. Ken Thompson, their Honorary President, and one to Mrs. Dolph Wilson, who will be living in *Port Elgin,* in future.

The Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Glammis,* was Mrs. Frank

J. Parsons, wife of their Minister, and her subject was "Be Thankful That You Are A Woman." President, Mrs. Clarence MacLennon, presided and the Soloists were Mrs. R. Thompson and Mrs. H. Thompson. Visitors were present from *Tiverton, Paisley,* and *Glammis* Baptist Church.

President, Mrs. C. E. Fisher, presided when the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Burgoyne* Presbyterian Church entertained their Home Helpers. Mrs. Robert Chappell and Mrs. Ross Mark, were conveners and the Theme was "Women of the Old Testament." Mrs. Bruce Esplen and Mrs. Robert Chappell sang a Duet, and interesting Contests were enjoyed at the Social Hour following.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — The 80th Anniversary of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* was well attended by W.M.S. members of other Churches in the district, and the Guest Speakers, The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Moore Gordon, recently retired from many years of active missionary service in *Formosa,* showed coloured slides and told of their work in that land. President, Mrs. Wm. Weaver presided, and Miss Sybil Reid sang, accompanied by Mr. Thos. Sissman, the Church Organist. Miss Sarah Wallace was in charge of Devotions, and a Life Membership was presented to Mrs. R. S. Dewdney. Clerk of Session, Mr. Wm. Murray, pronounced the benediction, and at the Social Hour, Mrs. Murray cut the Anniversary Cake.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of McNab Street Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* celebrated a 75th Anniversary, with President, Mrs. D. Glenn Campbell, presiding, assisted by Mrs. A. E. Falladown; Mrs. L. D. Learne; and Mrs. T. Muirhead. The founder of this Auxiliary was the late Mrs. Ewart, of Toronto, for whom the new Ewart College is named. Mrs. Duncan Allen introduced the Guest Speaker, Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., of the *Bhil Field,* now home on furlough, who gave a graphic picture of Hospital and Educational W.M.S. work in India. Mrs. Frank Duff, daughter of former President, Mrs. H. B. Ketchen, gave the Offertory Prayer. Honorary Memberships were presented to Miss Isabel MacDonald; Miss Hilda McQuesten; Miss Grace Buttrum; and an "In Memoriam", remembering the late Miss Marion Isabelle Gollan, was given by Miss Grace Buttrum. Presbyterial President, Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon, brought greetings, and Mrs. R. Forbes Thomson, *Guelph,* closed the meeting with prayer. Refreshments were served later.

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL — The Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Elmwood Presbyterian Church, *London,* has lost a beloved and faithful member in the recent death of Mrs. E. L. Goodwin, a Charter Member of this Auxiliary, and an

Honorary President of *London* Presbyterial.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL—Sectional Meetings of this Presbyterial were held at *Ashfield,* with Mrs. V. Mowbray presiding; and at *Brussels,* with Mrs. T. English, *Wingham,* in charge. Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., of the *Bhil Field, India;* was Guest Speaker at both Meetings. Her address, and her display of articles and pictures from the Field, were most interesting. Mrs. F. Cromey, *Kincardine,* reported on the *Belleville* W.M.S. Leadership Training Centre. The Devotional Period in *Ashfield* was given by Miss M. Scott; Mrs. McAllister; and Mrs. Dickey. A Duet was given by Mrs. R. Forester and Mrs. S. Jamieson, of *Lucknow,* and Mrs. A. Percy, *Kinlough,* gave the Offertory Prayer. The Meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. C. MacCauley, *Ripley.*

At the Brussels Meeting, Mrs. W. Elston; Mrs. W. Mundell, of *Bluevale;* Mrs. G. Fish, of *Wingham,* were in charge of the Devotional Period, and three ladies of *Goforth* W.M.S. Auxiliary, *Wingham,* sang a Trio—Mrs. Day; Mrs. Faegan; and Mrs. Cruickshank. The Offertory Prayer was given by Mrs. A. Mundell, and Mrs. English, of *Wingham,* gave the closing prayer.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Mary's Presbyterian Church, *Stratford,* entertained the Glen Gowan, and the Friendship, W.M.S. Auxiliaries at their Thank-Offering Meeting, when Mrs. Wilfred Carr, President of *Stratford* Presbyterial, was the Guest Speaker. A solo was sung by Mrs. Wm. MacKay, after which Mrs. T. Near, expressed the appreciation of the Society to Mrs. MacKay for her years of devoted service, and Mrs. W. Carr presented to her a Life Membership, as a gift from her Auxiliary.

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EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Flora Whiteford, Deaconess at Queen Street East Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Glebe Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* which was held on a Sunday evening, with both W.M.S. and W.A. members taking part. Miss Whiteford told of the Downtown Area, its needs, and the opportunities offered for evangelistic work. Mrs. J. Haig was Soloist, and President, Mrs. W. Durward, paid tribute to the late Mrs. Michael McDonough, a beloved member of many years

The McBean Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary, and the Scott Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary, of St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* held a joint Thank-Offering Meeting, when the Guest Speaker, the Rev.

John Honeyman, of Evangel Hall, *Toronto,* gave a most informative Address, and showed slides of the work carried on there among homeless and needy men. Once each month, these Auxiliaries supply sandwiches for 100 men, and two of the Elders of the Church, Mr. George Fernie and Mr. Bernard Richel, bring a spiritual message.

The Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary, and the W.M.S. Afternoon Auxiliary, of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* met together for their Thank-Offering Service, with President, Mrs. James Byrne, in the Chair, and Mrs. W. L. Thompson bringing greetings. Mrs. Hugh MacMillan, who, with her husband, Dr. Hugh MacMillan, has now retired after many years of missionary work in *Formosa,* gave a splendid picture of their work there, and its needs for the future.

ORANGEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. W. J. Irvine presided at the 75th Anniversary Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Grand Valley,* and President, Mrs. R. D. Fraser, brought greetings from *Orangeville* Presbyterial. Mrs. Jean McArthur gave the Auxiliary History; Mrs. J. H. Donaghy conducted the "In Memoriam" tribute; Mrs. A. Davies and Mrs. J. Tindall sang a duet. Mrs. T. Maxwell, now of *Erin,* but who, with her husband, the Rev. T. Maxwell, spent several years on the Mission Field of *British Guiana,* told of the development, and the problems, of their work among the Guianese people. At the Social Hour, Mrs. J. G. Reith, one of the oldest members, cut the Anniversary Cake.

PETERBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAL—The Fall Rally of this Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Bowmanville,* with President, Mrs. J. R. Waldie, presiding. The Guest Speaker, Mrs. Paul Newton, President of Toronto and Kingston Synodical, spoke on "The Presbyterial — Has It Any Value?", and presented a clear picture of the organization, and W.M.S. work, carried on through Auxiliaries; Presbyterials; Synodicals; and, finally, Council Executive. It was announced that the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial will be held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Peterborough.* Mrs. Milton Harper, *Port Hope,* presented the thanks to all contributing to the Programme, and Lunch was served by members of *Bowmanville* W.M.S. Auxiliary.

Presbyterial President, Mrs. J. R. Waldie, was Guest Speaker at the Joint Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary, the Ladies' Aid, and the Home Helpers, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Campbellford.* This meeting was held in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Toombs.

A Joint Thank-Offering Meeting was held, by the St. Paul's and the Annie Purvis Evening Auxiliaries of the W.M.S., in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Port Hope,* with President, Mrs. Floyd Abrams presiding. Guests were present from *Bowmanville, Cobourg,* and *Centreville*. Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary, was Guest Speaker, and, from personal experience, told of the W.M.S. work among the Chinese, the Canadian Indians, and in Downtown Missions. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Fred Long; Mrs. E. M. Creighton; and Mrs. E. Sleeman, of the Annie Purvis W.M.S. Auxiliary, and a duet was sung by Mrs. J. R. Waldie and Mrs. R. B. Nelles. Mrs. M. Hamilton presented the thanks of the Meeting, and Lunch was served by Mrs. W. Reidt, and her Group.

SAUGEEN PRESBYTERIAL — Celebrating their 60th Anniversary, the Christine Buchan W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Drayton,* conducted the regular Sunday Services in their Church. Miss Mina Buchan, of *Grimsby,* daughter of the founder of this Auxiliary gave the Address, and presented to the Auxiliary the first framed Life Membership, which was given by them to her Mother. President, Mrs. D. McIssac formally accepted this, and voiced the thanks of the members for this thoughtful gift. Many were present from Auxiliaries of the Presbyterial, former members of the Auxiliary, and Knox congregation. Miss Belle Watson, *Elmira,* a former member, cut the Anniversary Cake at the lunch hour.

At the Presbyterial Rally, in the Presbyterian Church, *Palmerston,* Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., on furlough from the *Bhil Field, India,* was Guest Speaker, and, using slides, gave an interesting account of her work among the Bhils, and also, as the Principal of the School at Amkut. She told of how many of these people had been taught, and were now serving as Pastors, Teachers, Nurses, and assisting with the Mobile Clinics. President, Mrs. John Perkins, presided, and the theme was "Witnesses." Devotions were conducted by *Mount Forest,* and *Harriston* Auxiliaries. "On The Rim of East Asia," the Study Book for 1962-63, was introduced, in the form of a Skit, by Mrs. D. McIssac; Mrs. D. Dodge; Mrs. K. Eccles and Mrs. J. Perkins. Mrs. W. J. Saunders, of *Gordonville,* and Mrs. E. Duff, of *Dromore,* reported on the Belleville W.M.S. Leadership Training Centre. A trio, Mrs. W. Machesney; Mrs. K. Schaefer, and Mrs. Hamilton, sang, and the Rev. A. Clements, *Palmerston,* closed the Meeting with prayer.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL—St. Andrew's W.M.S. Auxiliary, *Streetsville,* celebrated their 75th Anniversary, with many former members present, and Greetings presented from Council Executive, Synodical, and Presbyterial. The Guest Speaker, Mrs. J. A. Newstead, former President of Toronto and Kingston Synodical, spoke on "Prayer." Mrs. W. N. Tisdale gave the Auxiliary History through the years, and pointed out that all members are now Life Members, and several Honorary Members as well. Luncheon was served, and Mrs. W. T. McCree, a former member, cut the Anniversary Cake.

The W. M. S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Nobleton,* held their Thank-Offering Meeting, with President, Mrs. W. B. Cross, in the Chair. Mrs. John McFarlane, President of West Toronto Presbyterial, was Guest Speaker, and spoke on "Things To Be Thankful For." Miss Patricia Maw, of *Nashville,* was Soloist, and representatives from Presbyterian Churches of *Maple, Aurora, King City, Woodbridge, Schomberg, Vaughan, Bolton, Nashville,* and *Nobleton,* were in attendance, as well as friends from the Anglican and United Churches.

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GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — More than 200 women attended the 75th Anniversary Meeting of the Afternoon Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Maxville,* with Mrs. A. D. Stewart presiding. Mrs. W. S. MacLean conducted the Devotional Period, and the Service of Remembrance was given by Mrs. A. J. Wilkes.

Greetings were presented by the Rev. Dr. W. L. MacLellan, of *Cornwall* from the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa; by the Rev. A. W. Williamson, of *Finch,* from Glengarry Presbytery; President, Mrs. T. R. Gates, *Brockville,* brought Synodical Greetings; Mrs. I. D. MacIver, of *Maxville,* gave the greetings from Glengarry Presbyterial; Mrs. John Sinclair brought greetings from the Anglican Church, of *Maxville,* and greetings from the United Church, *Maxville,* were given by Mrs. Wm. Wilkinson. The District Vice-President, and Past Presidents of the Auxiliary, also brought messages of greeting. All were thanked by Mrs. J. N. Fitzgerald. Mrs. John W. McEwen gave the Auxiliary History, and two "In Memorian" Certificates were presented by Miss Gertrude Cameron, and her sister, Miss Jean Cameron, of *Toronto.*

President, Mrs. A. D. Stewart, introduced the Guest Speaker, Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of the Council of the W.M.S. (Western Division), who gave an illuminating Address on "W.M.S. Work On Overseas and National Fields." Mrs. I. D. MacIver sang, and the Vote of Thanks was given by Mrs. J. M. Whissell. Mrs. W. H. Cameron dedicated the Offering, and the Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. I. D. MacIver. The cutting of the Anniversary Cake, by Mrs. A. J. McEwen, was done with the knife used in 1928 to cut the Aniversary Cake for the 100th Aniversary Celebration of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. This was presented to the Church, at that time, by the late Miss Neta McEwen.

A large and interested audience listened to the Address of Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N., B.N.Sc.; when she was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary, held in St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Cornwall,* with the Rev. Dr. W. L. MacLellan presiding. Miss MacMurchy, on furlough from her work in India, wore a beautiful Indian sari, and held her hearers spellbound with her excellent pictures, and the story of her work over the many years of her Missionary service. Mrs. Colin MacFarlane presented the thanks of the gathering.

Mr. Thomas Gemmel, of St. John's Church, a student at Montreal Presbyterian College, led in Prayer, and the C.G.I.T. group from Eamer's Corners took up the collection. Tea was served by the ladies of the Auxiliary.

The Joint Thank-Offering Meeting of the Afternoon and Evening W.M.S. Auxiliaries of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Maxville,* was also a "Family Night," attended by members of *St. Elmo* W.M.S. Auxiliary; other Church Organizations and many of the congregation. Mrs. A. D. Stewart presided, and the Devotional Period was given by Mrs. James Cumming, and Mrs. Hugh Blair. The Rev. I. D. MacIver, showed interesting pictures of recent trips, and gave a fine Address on "Gratitude - In Three Different Ways — Courtesy; Appreciation; Thanksgiving." Votes of thanks were presented to Mr. MacIver, by Mrs. Rae Ferguson, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church; and by Mrs. John McLennan, on behalf of the *St. Elmo* W.M.S. Auxiliary.

MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL — When the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Crescent and Kensington Presbyterian Church, *Montreal,* held their Annual Meeting, the Rev. Clifton J. MacKay, D.D. installed the Officers for 1963, and Mrs. Bruce Copland showed excellent slides and told of her work in *Formosa.* Officers include the Honorary Presidents, Mrs. Clifton J. MacKay, and Mrs. J. A. Montgomery; Past President, Mrs. John Stewart; and President, Mrs. Norman Seath.

At a previous Evening Meeting, this Auxiliary enjoyed an unusual "World Tour," when Miss Barbara Dougherty, daughter of the beloved late President, Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, showed beautiful slides, and told about her twelve-months cruise around the world. Mr. Charles Hay gave several piano selections, and young Miss Vivia Stewart sang. President, Mrs. John Stewart presided, and Dr. Mackay thanked Miss Dougherty and the soloists.

An Honorary Membership was recently presented to Mrs. William Dunn, by the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Ephraim Scott Memorial Church, *Montreal,* as a tribute to her faithful and loyal work in her Auxiliary throughout the years.

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"THEY WORKED FOR PEACE!"

by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

THAT IS what they all said of her, and of her husband too — the words which appeared somewhere in almost every eulogy, either spoken or written, after her death in New York last November. This was the tremendous and heartfelt tribute which came spontaneously from the Great of all the Nations and from the humbler ones alike, whose lives her kindly tolerance and wisdom had touched and helped — that true humanitarian who was Eleanor Roosevelt, an unassuming, remarkable, yet gently powerful, personality in herself, and the wife of the late President of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who also, during all his lifetime, "worked for peace," and deeply sought to understand the problems of the many diverse peoples of his world, and to enter with insight into their longings and their needs.

Typical of all these thousands of tributes to this internationally well-known and well-beloved woman, is the personal statement of esteem from the Rev. Dr. Roy G. Ross, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches. "She was truly one of the great women of all time," he said, as he emphasized that "the people of all Nations will be grateful for her efforts on behalf of peace, and her work for the alleviation of the many conditions which handicap people and nations, in their search for liberty, equality, and the fullness of life." In closing his tribute to Mrs. Roosevelt, Dr. Ross said, "no woman of this generation, and few in the annals of history, have so well understood and articulated the yearnings of men and women for social justice. A truly great and noble woman, she was exemplary in her life-long devotion to duty, her guilelessness, and her combination of profound insight and utter simplicity of manner." All who have read her books — and particularly the last one, "You Learn By Living," which we reviewed in our November issue — or followed her magazine columns, will realize the complete truth of this tribute. Just once, I had the great privilege of meeting, and speaking with her for a few moments, as we sat together at the same Luncheon table, but even that small personal contact left with me an imperishable memory of her graciousness and very real interest in people. And, some little time ago, on a beautiful summer afternoon, I had the opportunity of visiting the beautiful old Roosevelt-family home at Hyde Park, N.Y., where both the President and his wife spent so great a part of their lives, and of standing for a little time in that rose-bowered, and cloistered, small enclosure where President Roosevelt lay at rest, and where now his beloved companion of so many years, has found her resting place as well.

Sheltered and deep-set within its rolling country acreage, this beautiful old ancestral home of the Roosevelt family stands far down the historic Old Post Road, just where it winds between Albany and New York. Tree-girt, and serenely gracious with the calm dignity of long years of well-established cultured living, and close-knit family associations, the old house looks out over the broader reaches of the Hudson River, and its fine old rooms are open to visitors, as through the years has been their wont, with the true feeling of hospitality and unaffected welcome which those good folk, who have lived there through the years, have always given to rich and poor alike, who entered through those portals. There are many of these handsome old homes built on the adjoining estates of wealth and comfort which stretch for miles along that river-front, all of them luxurious, and some, indeed, magnificent, yet this particular one, not half so grand or costly, stands out among them like a star, and is known all over the world for what it is — the birthplace, the home, and final resting spot of one of the finest men the world has known — and also, now, of his wife, whom also the whole world knew and revered, and who was herself, by birth, a Roosevelt.

Like the Master, in Whose footsteps Roosevelt daily tried to tread, they also "laid his body in a garden" — the still sequestered garden of his beloved old home, by the wish he had so often expressed in his lifetime. Almost 18 years ago now, the body of this good man was laid to rest in the calm haven of his birthplace; the home he never ceased to love, and return to for peace and inspiration whenever it was possible at all, during what was probably the most strenuous and storm-tossed public life experienced by any President, unless, perhaps, Lincoln or Wilson, who also were martyred for their people and their responsibilities. To that rose-garden sepulchre, through the years, have come, from near and far, the great and humble, the rich and poor, the old ones and the little children, whom he always loved and tried to help. Now he no longer lies there alone —how much more, now, will they come! We stood with some of those many visitors on that calm summer afternoon, and we saw them stand there quietly and deeply-moved, in that still simplicity of high encompassing cedar hedges; smooth green lawns, and orderly rosebush guardians; as they looked with reverent and respectful eyes upon the plain white marble column which, somehow, in its quiet, unostentatious dignity, spoke so surely of the spirit of the man himself.

There is no grandiloquent inscription there; no mention even of the high and honoured office which he held — only the words "Franklin Delano Roosevelt," the dates of his birth and death, and underneath this, the name of the woman who was his distant cousin, his childhood playmate, and for so many years his well-loved wife — "Eleanor Roosevelt," the birth date already inscribed, space for the other date waiting — and now after a little over eighteen years, filled in. The roses, in which they both took such an interest all their lives, bloom there all through the summer and late fall; one offering of fresh flowers is always there beside the stone, but that is all. It is, indeed, the President of a mighty country whose tired body here returned to Mother Earth, but somehow it was not of that one thought as we stood and looked upon that simple grave.

It was of the man himself — the man who was a small boy here; who roamed these woods and fields; who rode horseback over the country trails; who spent long, happy hours over his stamp collection or his birds; who suffered personal pain and illness here, and conquered it so well that it never embittered his great heart, or held him back in any way; who wrote his heavy speeches, and spent long hours of thought upon them here; who brought his wife and children here; who returned again and again to this true stronghold of his life, that he might gain new peace and courage for the hard things he must always try to do. President Truman truly expressed it all, when he stood beside this greening grave and said — "Franklin Roosevelt died fighting for what he loved most — his country — its homes —its institutions — its people — sharing their staunch belief in freedom under a just God, in Whose Almighty beneficence rests the hope of this world today. There is, however, another, and a greater memorial to this good man which tells a fuller story. I have seen it in the eyes, heard it in the words, read it in the hearts of men and women all over the country. It is the natural human response of people everywhere to something in the character and personality of Franklin Roosevelt. It is a response to his understanding and his sympathy for suffering—a sympathy and an understanding that were deep and sincere, because they were born of a tragic personal experience." These are some of the things the peoples of the world are saying and thinking now, about Eleanor Roosevelt, his wife.

I think it becomes more easy to understand this real sympathy and understanding of so many complex peoples and causes, which was a part of these two remarkable people, when one visits this stalwart old home. There still is atmosphere there, and, very definitely the aura of those good solid citizens whose home it was for generations — people who welded themselves with their lands and their home; who loved comfort and gracious living and created the means by which to maintain it, but who had no admiration ever for the upstart, or for display and ostentation; people who surrounded themselves with what they liked and needed, kept it so throughout the years and considered it good enough for anyone who came to visit there, be it king or commoner; genuine people who were content to be themselves, and made no pretense or effort to be anything but what they were; who saw things clearly, dealt with them honestly, and met always such of the world as came their way on a mutual ground of common humanity and respect. Such was the Roosevelt background, and into the making of that sturdy background went all the many characteristics, and inherent viewpoints of the Dutch, English, Swedish, French Huguenot, and German ancestors who were the lusty roots of the Roosevelt family tree.

The house, in its entirety, is exactly as it was when the family left it. It was Franklin Roosevelt's own wish that things should all be left this way, and that this home should always be open to those who wished to come there. As one enters, it seems as if perhaps the family might just all be out for a time about their many interests; that they might be returning any moment to sit about the family dining-table for dinner; to read and chat and relax together about the great fireplaces in the lovely living-room; to look out the broad windows into the coming dusk across the Hudson; and later to walk up the broad stairway to take their usual nightly rest in whichever bedroom was their own! When Mrs. Roosevelt, soon after her husband's death, made the formal presentation of this precious home to the people of the United States, she said — "My husband's spirit still lives where he wished his body to lie. He loved this home, this house, this view. Here he drew his friends and his family around him, and rejoiced in their companionship. It was the people, all the people of this country and of the world, whom my husband loved, and kept constantly in his mind and heart. He would want them to enjoy themselves in these surroundings, and to draw from them rest, peace, and strength, as he did all the days of his life."

Behind the panelled woodwork at the head of the stairway is concealed the elevator, specially installed to carry the President in his wheel chair from floor to floor — a pathetic reminder of the devastating infantile paralysis, which, as a young man, he contracted while at the family summer home in Canada, and from which he never quite recovered. There are several of these special small wheelchairs about the house — one in his bedroom, one in the library. Not much was ever said about them, but he had to use them always. Nearby is his boyhood bedroom, with many of his boyhood treasures there; his books and specimens; the table-desk at which he did his homework; the big brass bed, with its faded chintz

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PRAYER

by Mrs. R. (ADA WADE) WYLLIE

Deaconess, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

ETERNAL GOD, from Whom cometh every good and perfect gift, we praise Thee; we worship Thee; we give Thee thanks for Thy great love, which is constant, and whose concern encompasses all mankind. On every hand, Thou dost seek to make Thyself known to us. Open our minds and hearts to Thy companionship. Free us from our occupation with the cares of this world, that we may hear Thy still small voice.

O God, Who art concerned with all Thy children, and Whose purposes for our lives art always good, in our gratitude for the favours Thou dost send our way, let us not be unmindful of the needs of others.

As we study the work of our Society at home and abroad, give us concerned hearts for the hungry, the sick, and the suffering, so that, out of our bounty, we may give to the needy. In our comfort, stir us to share with the burdened in such a way that we may deeply understand their burden, and lift it from them. This, we know, can only be done when we truly want to understand and take part in this work.

We pray for the Canadian Indian people across this Continent, not because they are different than we are, for in Thy sight we are all Thy children, but, O God, we, not they, need an open heart and mind, to grasp their ways of thinking, in order that we may bring Thy Gospel to them in such a way that they may see Thee as Thou art.

Through us, send hope to the discouraged, who in the past, and in the future, try to do this work for Thee. It is not an easy task, as Thou knowest, but, with patience and love, it can, and will, be accomplished.

We rejoice that Thou hast made Thyself known to us through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Help us to find in Him today, through the Holy Spirit, strength and power for our feeble lives. We rejoice that every event of our mortal lives is watched of Thee. We know that nothing escapes Thy notice. Renew within our hearts the faith that all things work together for good to them that love Thee.

Grant to every one of us this day, the help and strength we need. Fill our fearful lives with confident trust. Quicken our faltering steps to a steady pace. Flood our sorrowful hearts with an abiding joy, and lift our lonely souls with Thy comforting presence. These we ask through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CROSSROADS!

by MISS MARY E. WHALE, B.A.

IT SEEMS TO ME, as I visited India in the autumn of last year, that we, as a Society and Church, are at crossroads in almost every aspect of our task there. The country itself experienced the need to choose the way it would go. The country has chosen to take the difficult, upward part of defending itself, and its people, against the demands of a powerful neighbour, seeking world domination and the disruption of the peaceful, democratic way of life of the Indian nation.

The foremost need of the Church in India is to have the means of proclaiming the message that God has given through Jesus Christ. In recent years, through influences and pressures from the Western Churches, the United Church of Northern India has been freed to concentrate on its structure. The result is a machine that is unworkable in the large areas covered by the Church. Even at Presbytery level, there are problems besetting some parts of this Church, to which we are closely connected. Lacking a unity, or even a satisfactory means of communication, among the Presbyteries and Synods, there is need in some areas to look outside the United Church of Northern India for leadership in the presentation of the Christian message. As a Church, through which leadership has been given in the development of two Presbyteries of the United Church of Northern India, we must decide to share with these Presbyteries, in such a way that the Christian Message is central in their witness.

In the Bhil country today, there are exciting possibilities for the Christian Message to be more and more effective in the lives of the people. As the Government is attempting to provide a better economic life for the people, the Church has the opportunity to work with Government agencies, giving the people the knowledge of the Way of Jesus Christ. To grasp the opportunity or rather, I should say, to respond to a command which I believe God is giving us, we need to send missionaries, both men and women. We need to help the missionaries and Christian leaders to provide leadership-training for Evangelists, for lay men and women. We need to pray that the people in the field, and here in Canada, will face realistically the economic condition of the field. Economics must be understood under the light of the Word of God.

In villages of our Bhil area, Evangelists are giving splendid leadership, teaching the people to read and write, helping them to work out agricultural problems with the Government agents. The four ordained Pastors supervise wide areas. The Evangelist Missionaries bear a heavy load, for they see and feel the need of the people for a deep and working knowledge of the Christian faith. They have to see so much left undone, simply because they and their Indian colleagues run out of time. The women Evangelists, Miss Kennedy and Miss Hislop, work continually with Indian colleagues out in the villages, where they spend weeks at a time in a village-by-village teaching programme, and in their respective stations where study programmes are prepared periodically, women are gathered in one place for larger teaching periods. It is a steady programme, but the results are clearly visible: an increasingly stronger, and more responsible, women's fellowship; Christian communities building their Church buildings—taking a large share of the cost, in proportion to their earnings—a constant demand for more teaching.

When I was in India, Miss Pauline Brown was ill with infectious hepatitis, and Miss White had just arrived. Under Miss Brown's supervision this past three years, India staff had been trained to take more responsibility. It was this India staff I saw in action, and a fine job they were doing. But this part of our work has been seriously understaffed. It is a tribute to Miss Brown that both units were kept operating, for she faced many problems. The mobile units have had a most effective role in evangelism. The love of God, the power of God, reaches the people through the healing ministry, and reaches the people where they are. Now we are thankful it has been possible for Miss White to return, and that Miss Doreen Morrison has been called to this field of service. We must decide here whether we will support these units, and see them develop into even more effective instruments for the proclamation of the Gospel.

The medical work in the hospital in Jobat seemed to me to be never as shining bright with effectiveness, as I saw it on this visit. Miss Prendergast had recently become Director of Nursing Service, moving from Ludhiana to meet the needs in Jobat, after Miss Acton came on furlough. Miss Nichol was newly back from furlough, to take over duties as Director of Nursing Education. They, with the very capable leadership of Dr. John Williams and Dr. Sundarlal Daniel, made an impressive team with their Indian colleagues. But here too, decision must be made. Can the hospital develop into an institution with evangelism basic in its motivation, and the highest medical standard as tools to accomplish the job? This will mean a change of fiscal policy, on the part of our own Church. At the moment, this opportunity, as others, is slipping, because no new developments are allowed in Overseas Missions under the present fiscal policy.

The schools, as always, are contributing the foundation to the whole development of the Church. The staff at Amkhut, Miss Sherrick, Miss Stringer, and Miss Scott (presently in Canada on furlough), with their Indian colleagues, are training the younger generations from primary classes through to middle school. They care for orphans, and they supervise Christian primary schools. Decisions here must be made as the Government gradually takes over primary education. The Educational Committee foresees a time when the provision of hostels for students attending primary schools closer to home will be needed.

In Jhansi, too, decisions must be made. Perhaps the recommendation to upgrade the Helen MacDonald Memorial School to a Junior College is the most important single decision we are prepared to make at the moment, for our India work. For several years, we have been asked to consider adding classes at the Helen MacDonald School to enable girls, particularly Christian girls, to complete the requirements necessary for entry into College or University at a Christian residential school. Now those, who go on for higher education, must spend two years in a Government School. They are not residential schools, and do not cater particularly to the needs of female students. We ask you, in the Society, to share in this progress of the School in a very real way, by prayer for the staff as they undertake a new and larger responsibility, not only in the classroom, but also in the hostel program. The missionaries there: Miss Magee, Miss Leask, and Miss Wadsworth, with their Indian colleagues, have been used of God to establish a school with a high academic record, and a strong evangelistic emphasis. Christian girls are sent from a wide area in Central and Northern India. The school had grown so that it serves a number of Christian communities as well as the local community.

A brief stop in Indore was all my itinerary allowed. There, I was shown the plans for a new building for the Graduate School of Nursing. The building will be financed for the most part by the United Church of Canada, but we will be asked to bear some share of the expense for both the building and the equipment. This School has now developed such a reputation that it cannot house the number of nurses applying. It is hoped that when Miss MacMurchy returns to India this spring, to take up her task as Director of the Graduate School, the building may at least be started.

The final three days of my time in India were spent in Vellore, in South India. It was good to see Mrs. Gehman looking quite well after her very serious illness last summer. She was still having some difficulty, but she was getting back to her task in the School of Nursing, at Vellore's Christian Medical College. Here she is making a valuable contribution to one of Asia's leading medical institutions.

Crossroads! Will we take the upward road of greater service to India, to the cause of Christ in that great land? You hold the answer to that question, you, and every other member of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Will you pray that the right road is taken; that God may be glorified in all decisions that are made?

Presbyterian W.M.S. Training Centres
1963

Keep these dates in mind and watch for further publicity.

Dates and Places

July 8-12	Luther College, Regina, Saskatchewan
July 22-26	Albert College, Belleville, Ontario

Purpose

To provide opportunities for those carrying leadership responsibilities, and for those willing to prepare to carry responsibility, to grow—

- in their knowledge and understanding of the Bible
- in spiritual insight and fellowship
- in an understanding of The Presbyterian Church and its work
- in their ability as leaders

CORRECTION

We deeply regret the error made in crediting the writer of the Prayer in our December issue. This should have read — By Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N.; B.Sc.N., on furlough from India, where she is Director of the Graduate School of Nursing, Indore.

YET NOT DISTRESSED!

by JEAN E. SONNENFELD, B.A.

THE OFFERING had just been presented in the Korean Church in Japan. The elder stood up to make one last announcement.

"Last night fire destroyed the Kim home. They lost everything! Let us give all we can to help them."

Once more the deacons brought the offering plates around. The first time the plates had been passed, each had put in his tithe — and it was a full tenth. Now everyone contributed again, from the remainder of his income. The rest of the congregation still had roofs over their heads, even though those roofs sheltered large families and few possessions. But the Kim family had neither roof nor possessions any more — only a large family with many small children.

I thought of how quickly the little wooden Japanese houses could burn, with their paper-and-cardboard walls, and straw-matted floors. Just a spark, a puff of wind, and the house would be gone. For a Korean family in Japan, living at subsistence level on a day-labourer's wage, insurance would be an undreamed-of possibility. Instead, their insurance rested in the close-knit Korean Christian community, who, like the Christians of whom we read in the Book of Acts, could share their things in common, when they had to.

Once before, the Korean Christian Church in Japan, like the Kim family, had lost nearly all its material possessions. At the end of World War II, hardly any Church buildings were still standing. Yet such were the zeal and devotion of the Korean Christians who remained in Japan after repatriation that congregations were built up, and Church buildings constructed, so that today there are fifty-seven congregations in the Korean Christian Church in Japan. How could this be achieved in such a small, impoverished community? Perhaps the very conditions of their life have helped to create the strength of their Church.

Like Paul, they are "troubled on every side." An elder complains that his Japanese next-door neighbours do not speak to him on the street, because he is Korean. A girl attending Bible School testifies that, when she tries to study at home, her Communist brother rips up her notes and throws her Bible on the floor. Others are molested, on the way to Church, by anti-Christian Koreans. When life is such a struggle, it could be unbearable.

But, still like Paul, they are "troubled . . . yet not distressed." The Christian life can never be one of unrelieved misery. So, when Korean Christians gather together, their joy in fellowship is all the more intense. At a conference — whether it be for the women, the young people, the Church workers or the Bible-women—the Korean Christians rise earlier and more cheerfully than many of us late-sleepers, to worship before breakfast, and then to devote themselves to a full day of Bible study and discussion. The deep-seated problems, of people living under strain, are brought out in sympathetic groups and are prayerfully threshed out. Though the problem has not disappeared, it can be faced more easily on the return home, for Christian friends have shared it.

The lighter side of life comes to light at the conferences, too, rendered all the more enjoyable among fellow-Christians of a similar background. The women go off for a boat ride around the lake, or take a bus to the top of a local mountain. The few carefree hours of sight-seeing in God's out-of-doors will refresh them, on their return to their crowded homes. A Pastor's wife gives a cooking demonstration of Japanese and Western dishes. Appreciative as the women are of their few days' freedom from the kitchen, they share the universal, womanly delight in collecting new recipes to please their families, and compensate for the few days they have deserted them.

This strong spirit of Christian fellowship makes the tiny Korean Christian Church in Japan strong to face the discrimination of the Japanese, the persecution of the Korean Communists, and the depression of their slum environment. As one Church came to the aid of the Kim family, so the Korean Christians throughout their Church in Japan are supporting each other. Thus, as they work together under Christ, they are helping each other to rise above their earthly troubles, and know the joy of their Saviour.

(*NOTE: Beginning in April there will be a series of articles under the general title of "As One Who Serves . . ." which will express the thoughts of various women from across the Society as to the opportunities offered for service through local groups, Presbyterials, Synodicals, and Council Executive.*)

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MIRACLES

"The miracles of wakening Spring
God's first and fairest were,
The wonders of the earth are things
Which constantly are there!"
(Roy Helton—1886)

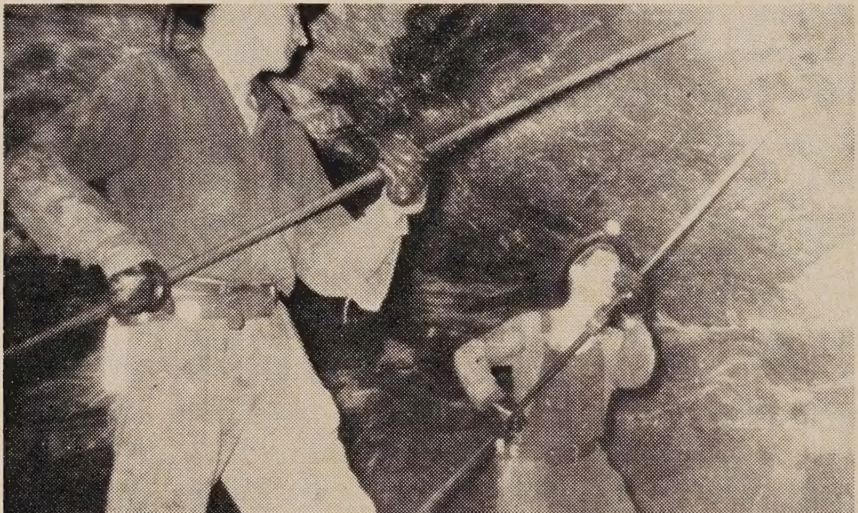
THE LAND OF GOLD AND . . . GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES!

by MISS MARTINE J. VAN BEEK
Deaconess, Kirkland Lake, Ont.

Does the Empire State Building have the longest elevator ride in the Western Hemisphere? No! The elevator shaft of the Lakeshore Gold Mine, at Kirkland Lake, Ontario, is almost six times as deep as the Empire State Building is tall. In this shaft a passenger drops 2,000 feet per minute to 6,800 feet below the surface.

You may not be interested in the depth of a mine elevator shaft, but living in northern Ontario or Quebec one cannot help but be interested in gold. The prospecting and mining of gold forms a major part of the history of this area. Kirkland Lake is known as "The Mile of Gold." Val d'Or, Quebec, is truly a valley of gold. Timmins' Golden Anniversary was personified in Porcupine Pete, the prospector of the past.

Gold! Throughout history man has looked for it, fought over it, and even died for it. Because of its high



Miners at Work, Deep Underground in Gold Mine at Kirkland Lake.

value, the word "gold" itself has taken on symbolic meaning. We talk about something being as good as gold, or someone having a heart of gold. Every country has its Golden Age, and every religion its Golden Rule. Every generation has also its golden opportunity.

How much do you know about gold? First of all, gold needs to be discovered. This is where the prospector comes into the picture. If he finds a promising-looking vein, he stakes a claim around the area, and registers his claim at the Recorder's office. Now he is under obligation, by law, to do a certain specified amount of work on this claim. Failing this, his claim will be erased from the Recorder's map, and the area is opened for re-staking.

If the prospector is convinced that he has found a rich vein, the whole process of mining starts. Engineers and miners are needed to bring the gold ore to the mills, where the gold itself is extracted. Prospector and miner may never meet, but the one finishes what the other started.

What kind of gold are we interested in as Christians? We read in Isaiah "I will make a man more precious than fine gold." This is the kind of gold with which the Church is always concerned — people — all kinds of people: church people and unchurched people; rich and poor; young and old; nice and not-so-nice; men and women; boys and girls.

Our Church had its prospectors in Northern Ontario, and Quebec. Men and women staked their claims forty and fifty years ago. They worked their claims faithfully, and left us today with the job of mining and milling. We may be proud of our past, and point to our prospectors, but if we miss our mining opportunities, our claims will be re-staked.

Geographically, the Presbytery of Temiskaming has claims in New Liskeard, Englehart-Tomstown, Kirkland Lake, Timmins, Cochrane, and Val d'Or, Que. Mining is carried out on these claims, although Englehart - Tomstown and Cochrane work under some difficulty, because of the lack of Ministers. The Presbytery is also involved in prospecting for new claims in Kapuskasing, and Little Long Rapids, and Ontario Hydro Construction Camps. This prospecting took the form of Vacation Church Schools, and district visitation during the summer.

One of our most important claims is the youth of our Church. Mining and milling require real teamwork; so does Christian Education. Parents, teachers, leaders, Ministers, and Deaconesses, need to work together, if we want to stake a claim for the future. It is only as we do the specified amount of work in our families, Church Schools, Midweek Groups, Rallies and Camps, that these claims will pay off! If we neglect to do our job with the youth of our Church, this claim for the future may well be erased from the

Recorder's map, and someone else may re-stake our claim.

"Silver is mine, and gold is mine," saith the Lord. But how wonderful is it that He has left it for us to discover and develop! It has been said that a Christian is not measured by his accomplishments, but by his opportunities. How great is our Church when we measure our challenges! Particularly in northern Ontario and Quebec!

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Your Prayers are asked

—For our National Missionaries, serving in Chinese work in Vancouver and Victoria, B.C., that they may be strengthened and blessed in their witness, as they make Christ's love known to the children, and adults, of their Community.

—For our Missionaries, Miss Dorothy McCombie, serving as Deaconess in Winnipeg, and Miss Bernice Barker, serving the Indian people in the Kenora district. May their every effort and desire, to extend Christ's Kingdom in the year ahead, be richly blessed.

—For all Boards and Committees of the church, that, as they come together in Annual Meetings, they may be guided to make decisions in accordance with Thy mind and will.

—For all delegates to Annual Synodical meetings that they may come with a sincere desire to learn and understand the work for which they are responsible, and may be guided in all decisions they may be called upon to make.

—For the Helen MacDonald Memorial School, Jhansi, that in seeking to give greater service, it may continue to be used to teach the Christian Way to Indian young women.

—For the work on the Bhil Field: pray that our Missionaries, and their colleagues, may be given strength of body to continue to proclaim the Christian Message; pray that we in Canada may catch the vision of opportunities of discipleship God is allowing us in this place at this time.

—For India itself, that, in these days, she may have the strength to stand against a foe which would destroy her.

THE ANNIVERSARIES' COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL EXECUTIVE REMINDS YOU . . .

FIRST OF ALL the Anniversaries' Committee reminds you that we are just a little over one year away from the two Anniversaries of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D.—the 100th and the 50th—which are to be celebrated, in the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul in Montreal, on May 8, 9, and 10, 1964.

Are you planning to be present? If you come to Montreal in May 1964, we hope you will be challenged by the opportunities confronting Christians in the world today. As we honour the women who in past years met the opportunities presented to them, may that be an incentive to the women of today, to consider carefully and prayerfully what we in this day must do, if we are to take our part in the Mission of the Church.

Are you telling all the women of your congregation about the Anniversaries and what is being celebrated in May 1964, and encouraging them to participate in the celebrations? Look back over the information printed in this "Anniversary Corner" each month since March 1962, and you will find a lot of interesting information.

THE HISTORY OF YOUR W.M.S. GROUP IS IMPORTANT. We hope: —

(1) that each Presbyterial Anniversaries' Committee has been in touch with every local group in the Presbyterial and has secured information concerning its history.

(2) that each Presbyterial Anniversaries' Committee has sent an historical account of the Presbyterial to the Convener of its Synodical Anniversaries' Committee.

(3) that each Synodical Anniversaries' Committee has prepared, or is preparing, a brief history of its Synodical, to forward to the Anniversaries' Committee of Council Executive.

(4) that at all levels — local group, Presbyterial, and Synodical — fitting observations of the Anniversaries of the Society are being planned.

NOTE: If any Presbyterial or Synodical Anniversaries' Committee Convener has not received Bulletins No. 1, 2, or 3, sent out by the Anniversaries' Committee of Council Executive through 1960, 1961, 1962—please write to that Committee for them. Remember it is the responsibility of the Presbyterial Anniversaries' Committee to pass on the information in the bulletins to the local W.M.S. groups.

THE ANNIVERSARY BOOK — pages for this book — "In Remembrance" and "Regular" may still be completed and *sent by local groups to the Convener of the Presbyterial Anniversaries' Committee,* from her to the Synodical Convener, and from the latter to the Anniversaries' Committee of Council Executive.

PLEASE NOTE: — Money from the Anniversary Book pages should be forwarded through the *regular* channels earmarked for the "Anniversary Book." This means from local group Treasurer to Presbyterial Treasurer, to Synodical Treasurer, to the Treasurer of the Society at Room 800, 100 Adelaide Steet West, Toronto 1, Ontario.

ANNIVERSARY MONEY PROJECTS

OVERSEAS — It is a matter for thanksgiving that you, the women of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., have, in a reasonably short space of time, raised money for two Overseas projects. This means that $20,000 has been put to use, to further the work and witness the Society has been allowed to do through these one hundred years.

Project No. 1 was raised for the School of Nursing and Nurses' Residence in Jobat. There has never been a building to house this school for nurses. When classes were resumed, several years ago, permission to resume them was given on the understanding that proper facilities would be provided. For over five years, the classes have been moved to any available space that could be found. Such space has run out. In India recently, the almost hopeless situation that existed in trying to carry on classes in rooms of the maternity ward was observed at first hand by Miss Whale. Fortunately, a building permit has been allowed. Now the building is under way. Our Project No. 1 money is in India, and is being used, as the School of Nurses, at last, becomes a reality.

Project No. 2 was for Christian Education work in Formosa. The major part of the amount is for the building of a Christian Education wing to the Taiwan Seminary in Taipei. This department of the northern Seminary was started by Mrs. Gordon McCutcheon (Margaret McKenzie). The building is already built. Our share in this building — money raised for Project No. 2 — is now in Formosa, in Dr. Dickson's (the Principal's) hands.

The second part of Project No. 2 is for use by Hsin Chu Bible School, for lay training projects, particularly those for women, and for children's leaders. Five hundred dollars of the $2,500 has gone to the Bible School, and will be used for training classes for women's workers, kindergarten teachers, and Sunday School teachers.

So your gifts to mark our anniversary are at work! Because of them, the Society has been able to broaden and deepen its work on two of our overseas fields. No doubt another Overseas project will be announced before long. Meanwhile, let us all try to complete the first National Project!

NATIONAL — At the time of writing, $13,078.37 of the $18,000 requested for the Presbyterian Fellowship House in Winnipeg has been raised. Let us complete this project as quickly as possible.

Don't forget that the First Project of all is to interest others in the mission of the church to which the Women's Missionary Society contributes, through the work for which it has been given responsibility — know what this work is, and talk about it!

Plan interesting programmes for your regular meetings — invite all the women of the church to share in finding out about the Christian's responsibility in Canada and other lands.

See that all homes in your congregation receive a copy of "The Glad Tidings" each month. The objective is 25,000 subscribers by 1964. The information in this magazine is one way of helping others to know what is happening in the Christian Church throughout the world today.

Let us make these Anniversaries' Celebrations a time of real significance for the work of women in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, when we face-up to the needs of the world today, and how Christian women can take their part in helping to meet those needs.

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual Council Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, will be held in Ewart College, 156 St. George Street, Toronto, Ontario, from Monday, May 6th to Friday, May 10th, 1963, inclusive. The Key Verse for the Sessions will be — "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and *THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW* that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." (St. John 17 — verse 23).

In Remembrance

Name	*Church*	*Presbyterial*
Mrs. J. H. Whitfield	Presbyterian, Orillia	Barrie
Mrs. Norman Smith	First, Brockville	Brockville
Mrs. Grant Gordon	St. Andrew's, Maxville	Glengarry
Mrs. Norman L. Stewart	St. Andrew's, Maxville	Glengarry
Mrs. Victor Hunter	McNab, Hamilton	Hamilton
Mrs. H. McClelland	Knox, Bobcageon	Lindsay
Miss Annie Mark	Knox, Bobcageon	Lindsay
Mrs. James Lee	St. Andrew's, Fenelon Falls	Lindsay
Mrs. Albert Hughes	Presbyterian, Appin	London
Mrs. R. Herrod	Knox, Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw
Miss Florence A. Williamson	St. Paul's, Port Hope	Peterborough
Miss Mary Parks	St. Andrew's, Warkworth	Peterborough
Mrs. J. J. Tissington	Forbes, Grande Prairie	Peace River
Mrs. Alex Broadley	St. Andrew's, Moosomin	Regina
Mrs. Verna Campbell	St. Andrew's, Geraldton	Superior
Mrs. C. A. Macdonald	Wychwood, Toronto	West Toronto
Mrs. Watson Farr	Caven, Bolton	West Toronto
Miss Verna Royce	St. Andrew's, Port Credit	West Toronto

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HER CREED!

(This framed quotation hung always on the wall of the late Senator Cairine Wilson's office.)

"To steel our souls against the lust of ease;
To find our welfare in the general good;
To hold together, merging all degrees
In one wide brotherhood.
To teach that he who saves himself is lost;
To bear in silence though our hearts may bleed;
To spend ourselves and never count the cost,
For others greater need."

OPERATION — BIBLE STUDY!

(AS REPORTED BY THE SECRETARY)

During the Fall months the members of the Canadian Girls In Training Groups, of Glenview Church in Toronto, completed a series of meetings in which the main portion of each evening was spent in Bible study. One Intermediate Group tells in their own words a bit of what was done and what was discovered. This Group consists of nine thirteen and fourteen year olds, an Apprentice Leader and a Leader.

Extracts from the Minute Book of the Group:—

Oct. 2. ". . . Our meeting was called to order by Mrs. Rosevear. We elected Susan Besso as treasurer-roll taker. Duties of officers were explained to President, Treasurer and Secretary. An introduction of "The Case of the Unknown Word" was given and we discussed what we know about the Bible (which wasn't very much). A display committee was formed . . ."

Oct. 9. ". . . We then discussed what our plans would be for the next few weeks."

Oct. 18. ". . . and the worship service was held in the group. We took a quick look at the story of the Bible in the form of a T.V. play. We then divided into two groups and made a time line, of which half was explained and half to be continued."

Oct. 23. ". . . we finished the time line and tried out a few Bible study methods. We then appointed the debating teams. Miss Jewell took the worship (in the Group).

Nov. 6. ". . . We had a debate on the importance of the Bible in every day life which was to be continued."

Nov. 20. ". . . We evaluated our Bible study and came up with this.

I. What we intended to do—"The Case of the Unknown Word"
II. What we did do—T.V. play, time line, debate, Bible study methods
III. What we learned—We became aware of what we didn't know
IV. What we can improve and topics we can discuss—Is there a God? How do we know? What is a Christian?

It is my feeling that the Bible Study Course at C.G.I.T. is well worth while. In studying the Bible we fulfil our Purpose by seeking truth and knowing God.

In the various discussion groups we have a wonderful opportunity to exchange ideas and cover our subject thoroughly. This is done under excellent guidance from our experienced leaders.

The atmosphere is perfect for this sort of thing. We don't have to worry about time, or whether we are following our course exactly, as we do in Sunday School. We often find ourselves led way off the topic, and having to quit when we could go on for hours. In this way we have many subjects, which we try to keep in mind, that we would like to discuss further if we have a few periods on our hands.

I believe that Bible Study is one of our most interesting parts of our training.

Nora Wales, Secretary

(AS THE LEADER SAW IT!)

As a Leader and as an adult, I saw, in a somewhat different light, the values of such a Biblestudy as this one, in which an over-all look at the Bible is taken. It was our attempt to discover the one story the Bible tells — the story of God's love and redemption — and how it has been shown down through the ages. Then we could be helped to see how His love for us brings both privileges and responsibilities in our own lives. As one girl expressed it, "We learned a lot of facts, that probably won't all stick, but we did get a better understanding."

Perhaps the most revealing period of all was the one in which the girls debated the value of the Bible in life today. The great need to relate the message of Jesus to our day-to-day lives was clearly shown. All too often many of us use the Old Testament, and particularly the Ten Commandments, as our main guide.

While it seemed to our secretary that we were far off the topic, I felt that the need to discuss thoroughly a question that arose was much more pressing than to follow the printed outline, or even our own plans. The great value of the informal, understanding atmosphere of a small group where the girls feel free to question, express doubts, and give their own opinions, cannot be over-emphasized.

Certainly, at the close of the time allotted for this particular study, we could not say we had "finished," only that we had made a good beginning.

Clara H. Rosevear, Leader

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BLESS!

"Dear Father, hear and bless
Thy beasts and singing birds,
And guard with tenderness
Small things, that have no words!"

(selected)

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PICTURES WANTED!

This is a special request which has come to us from the C.G.I.T. Missionary Education Committee. This Committee would like to receive any recent pictures you may have of *C.G.I.T. members, or Groups, taken with women.* It is their hope that interested Church women may read this request, and assist the Committee in collecting some of these. Pictures should be sent directly to the National C.G.I.T. Office: 40 St. Clair Ave. E., Toronto 7.

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

COME SEE A MAN, AND GOD'S MASTERPIECES, Both by Grace Noll Crowell

It is seldom indeed that two books by the same Author are reviewed in one edition of "The Glad Tidings," but both of these are so thoroughly worth-while, so beautifully written, and so helpful for Life's journey, that I feel sure our readers will want to know about them as soon as possible. It is no exaggeration to say that Mrs. Grace Noll Crowell, from whose inspired pen has come more than thirty books of outstanding religious and devotional material, "has brought courage, spiritual beauty, and strength for living, to millions of readers throughout the world," because she is a wonderful Christian woman, herself, who writes, always, with the warmth and surety of her own firm faith, as well as a sincere desire to help others along "the road to God."

"God's Masterpieces," a series of twelve devotional portraits, is her latest book, published in January of this year, and there we find in each Chapter the vivid and fadeless portrait of one of God's chosen subjects—those "men and women pleasing in His sight and in our's." Beautiful poems and prayers prepare the reader for each Chapter — Portrait of these "Inspired Ones" — Chapter 1—Creation; 2—The Burning Bush; 3—The Man Beneath The Stars; 4—Joseph, the Dreamer; 5—Sinai; 6—Elijah; 7—Elisha, and the Shunammite Woman; 8—David; 9—Ruth and Naomi; 10—Queen Esther; 11—Hannah; 12—The Prodigal Son. Price $1.90.

Come See A Man — This is a previous volume of twenty-one Devotions, each beginning with a Bible quotation telling us of some phase in the life of Christ, and followed by a meditation and prayer of great spiritual helpfulness and power. In this book of Meditations and Poems on the Life of Jesus, Mrs. Crowell helps us to "come see a Man who has the power to save us; one who knows each detail of our lives from the day of birth to the hour of death. Come see One who has, in His touch, healing for the body, and a glorious salvation for the soul!" Here we look upon The Infant Christ; The Forerunner; The Christ of the Common Road; A Man's Man; A Woman's Christ; The Gift of Peace; The Beauty-Loving Lord; The Gracious Guest; The Sorrowing Christ; The Compassionate Christ; The Master Teacher; Christ, the Way; Lord of the Uplands; The Praying Christ; The Homeless Christ; The Global Christ. We hear His voice saying "Come!", and "Among The Shadows," we hearken to Words from the Cross; in the final Chapter, we join the Disciples in "Morning on The Shore," when the Risen Christ came again to them. A beautiful book—and a wonderful gift for anyone. Price $1.65.

MOSTLY IN CLOVER By Harry J. Boyle

This is a delightful book of nostalgic remembering of the Author's childhood on a farm near Goderich, in Huron County, Ontario. It is a realistic story filled with such charm and humour that anyone who has ever known the homespun goodness of such a farm background, with all its joys and trials, its laughter, tears, true warm-hearted hospitality, and never-failing faith, will not be able to stop reading until the very last page is finished! The Author tells us of his many assorted relatives; the numerous hired men who came and went; the dozens of neighbours and passers-by; the animals; the mouth-watering country cooking and important festivals; Winter Underwear; Party Lines; Lamps and Lamplight; Harvest Time and Threshing Feasts; Summer Swimming and Country Schools; Sundays and Fair Days; and all the ever-changing beauties of the country fields and woods, from season into season. It is a fascinating story of all the years that lie between boyhood and manhood, and it makes one truly realize that to have lived so full and fine a bringing-up is to have received a worth-while heritage indeed. Some of these Chapters many of you may have already enjoyed, for Mr. Boyle is a regular contributor to the Evening Telegram, Toronto, and this book is a choice compilation of his many Articles. He is well known also as the Radio Programme Development Officer for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in Toronto. A thoroughly enjoyable book. Price $3.75.

THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY By Sheila Burnford

To leap rapidly from success to success is not often the fate of an Author who has just published her first book — and this is especially true of a Canadian Author — but, in this case, Mrs. Burnford, who is the 45-year-old mother of three girls, and has lived for 12 years with her doctor husband in Port Arthur, Canada, has experienced this wonderful and amazing experience in full measure. Within a few months after publication "The Incredible Journey" had topped the "Best-Seller" list, and the first 26,000 copies were completely sold out. At least five editions have followed, and recently Hollywood's famous Walt Disney completed, entirely in Canada and using Canadian actors, a film version of the book, which soon we shall be able to see and enjoy.

This splendid story is an unusual and gripping one, yet it is simply the saga of two dogs and a Siamese cat, who crossed 250 miles of Canadian wilderness all by themselves, but sticking closely together and braving all sorts of difficulties and adventures, in order to get to their old home— Bodger, the humorous old bull-terrier; Luath, the young Labrador; and Tao, the pampered, aristocratic, Siamese cat, who proved to be the toughest of the three, Mrs. Burnford says the story is not true, but it is based on her observations of her own three pets, and much of its charm lies in the loyalty and naturalness of the three animals. "Obviously," said one Reviewer "Mrs. Burnford has a great knowledge of the ways of animals, and a profound love for them." This is really a delightful book. Price $3.75.

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RECIPE FOR A HAPPY YEAR!

"TAKE TWELVE fine, full-grown months. See that these are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, rancour, hate, and jealousy; cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past. Have them as fresh and clean as when they first come from the great storehouse of time. Cut these months into thirty, or thirty-one, equal parts. This batch will keep for just one year. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time — so many persons spoil the whole lot that way— but prepare one day at a time, as follows —

Into each day, put twelve parts of faith; eleven, of patience; ten, of courage; nine, of work — (some people omit this ingredient, and so spoil the flavour of the rest) — eight, of hope; seven, of fidelity; six, of liberality; five, of kindness; four, of rest — (leaving this out, is like leaving zest out of the salad; don't do it) — three, of prayer; two, of meditation; and one well-selected resolution. Put in, also, a teaspoon of good spirits; a dash of fun; a sprinkling of play; and a heaping cupful of good humour. Pour into the whole, a generous blending of love; then mix with a vim, and cook thoroughly in a fervent heat. Garnish with a few smiles, and a sprig of joy; then serve with happiness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness, and a Happy New Year is a certainty!"

(From the Editor's Scrap Book)

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GREAT minds discuss ideas.

AVERAGE minds discuss events.

SMALL minds discuss people. (Selected)

THE TRAINING OF AFRICAN WOMEN

"AS LONG AS only the men are educated, we limp along on one foot. But when our wives can take their place alongside us, we are able to stand on our two feet, and to move forward." This comment by an African husband is typical of many others, made by the husbands of women who are being trained at the Mindolo Training Centre for Women, near Kitwi, Northern Rhodesia.

The winds of change have been blowing across Africa with gale-like force, but change, at first, seemed to affect the men more than the women. Recognizing the need for African women to advance so that they can take their place beside their husbands in home and community, a Course in Christian Home-Making and Leadership Training was begun in 1958 at the Mindolo Centre. There was also the need to help the African woman to adjust to the new urban life, where the traditions and responsibilities of rural life have been left behind, and where little effort has been made to help them to bridge the gap between old and new.

Even more vocal today is the African woman's desire to be ready for the new responsibilities which National Government will bring. The African is rapidly being placed in a position of authority in the Government of Rhodesia, and his wife must be prepared to take her part, alongside her husband, in this great task. The criticism that much of the teaching being given to African women is wasted, is sometimes heard. Recently the wife of the Leader of the strongest African political party in Rhodesia was taking the Course at the Mindolo Ecumenical Training Centre. During that time, she supervised the preparation and serving of food at a buffet dinner for forty guests. In gratitude, she exclaimed — "These are the things I must know about when I am called upon to be hostess to people of every race in the new Africa!"

The Course lasts four months, with a month's Refresher Course the following year. Subjects included are Bible Study, Health, Cooking, Sewing, Laundry, Mothercraft, Housewifery, English, Arithmetic and Budgeting, Leadership Training, Field Work in Local Churches, and Handwork. How are the women recruited? Application forms are sent to the Churches, and to Mine and Government Welfare Workers. No set standard of education is required, but the women must be literate, and preference is given to those with higher standards. The Churches have quickly realized the value of trained Leaders for Women's and Girl's Groups, and for Sunday School Teachers, and applications have been promptly forwarded by Church Sessions, who have, in many cases, paid the fees for the Course. At the last session, there were four times as many applications as there were places available.

Fees are £8 per Course, and the women pay for all material used in sewing and Handwork. One is always amazed at the finished articles they take home at the end of the Course. There are always sweaters and socks, shirts and pyjamas for the husbands; jerseys for the children; play dresses and party dresses for girls; suits and overalls for the boys. The staff of the school keeps in touch with students after they leave, visiting them regularly to offer encouragement. One student brought four ten shilling notes — a gift from her bricklayer husband, in appreciation of what the School had done for his wife. Another grateful husband made a beautiful Communion table, cross, and candlesticks, for the School Chapel.

During this past year, eight houses were built in a large semicircle around the teaching block, providing accommodation for sixty-four students. It is hoped that a two-year Course for training professional domestic science workers, and a one-year Course to train kindergarten teachers can be added. Family Conferences as well as Pre-Marital Courses are in planning. Since so many tongues are spoken, language presents a basic problem. Bemba, however, has been established as the "lingua franca," and English is also on the curriculum.

(Courtesy of "The Missionary Chronicle," of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union, Victoria, Australia.)

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LORD, I WOULD THANK YOU!

Lord, I would thank you for gifts
without season;

The flash of a thought like a banner
unfurled,

The splendour of faith, and the
sparkle of reason,

The tolerant mind in a turbulent
world.

Selected

Boys and Girls!

LETTERS FROM JAPAN

by ANN C. PECKOVER

(ADAPTED FROM A STORY BY THE REV. D. C. POWELL)

Dear Margaret:—

You should see our Explorer group! It's growing by leaps and bounds. Mother asks every child to bring a friend to the next meeting. Of course, some children can't do that, but some others make up for them by bringing two friends.

We're still helping to buy the house and furnishings for Sook-ni Kim and her family (you remember I told you about Sook-ni Kim in my last letter). We look forward to the presentation of the house — what a pleasant surprise that will be!

My father is teaching a young Korean student to understand the Bible, and to learn more about Jesus. Kyung Chan used to be on the High School track and field team, until he was injured in a track meet, and became blind. He spent several months in the hospital, but the doctors couldn't give him back his sight. As he couldn't see, Kyung Chan had to go to a school for the blind.

One day, a visiting friend asked Kyung Chan to come to our Church, which happened to be nearby. I should mention that, before he became blind, Kyung Chan didn't go to Church. When his friend asked him to come to our Church, Kyung Chan decided to go, simply because he didn't have any classes to attend, and had nothing else to do. But at Church, Kyung Chan began to realize, as he listened, that Jesus Christ loved him so much that He died to save Kyung Chan, just as He died to save everyone. "How could I have been so blind?" he wondered, feeling that he had been blind in spirit, before he had become blind in body.

Now Kyung Chan is learning Braille and wants to finish his High School work. After that, he wants to become a Missionary and teach his people about Jesus and His love. Last week, father brought Kyung Chan in to our Explorer meeting. We were just having our Service of Worship at the end of the meeting, and Kyung Chan liked the Explorer hymn so much that he asked me afterwards for the words. We've asked Kyung Chan to come next week and tell us about the school for the blind.

How are you getting along in school? Our Easter exams are coming next month, so I won't be able to write for a little while. I have to study!

Before I go, I must tell you that the girl Explorers are busy making dolls just now. In March, they celebrate the Dolls' Festival, a special day for girls. The boys have their special day in July, when they hang fish kites on a pole outside the house. On Boys' Day, you just have to count the number of fish kites outside to know how many boys there are in the family.

Love, Betty.

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THE STEADY SUBSCRIBER

"How dear to our heart is the steady subscriber,
Who pays in advance at the birth of each year—
Who lays down the money, and does it quite gladly,
And casts 'round the office a halo of cheer.

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I'm getting more papers than now I can read;'
But always says: 'Send it; our people all like it,
In fact, we all think it a help and a need.'

How welcome her cheque when it reaches our sanctum!
How it makes our pulse throb! how it makes our
heart dance!
We outwardly thank her; we inwardly bless her—
The steady subscriber who pays in advance."

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March S. O. S.

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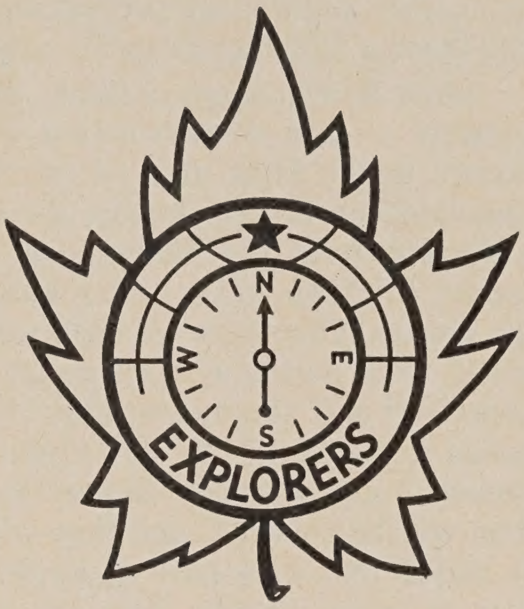
THE EXPLORER EMBLEM

By Isabelle Harris

The brightest Star is Jesus
Whose ways we follow in;
The circle white, the world,
Which Jesus frees from sin;
The compass blue
Is the Bible true,
We learn to understand;
And underneath is the Maple Leaf,
The emblem of our land.

(Mrs. Harris is the Explorer Leader in Knox Crescent and Kensington Presbyterian Church, Montreal, Quebec, and has kindly contributed this explanatory poem for other Groups to share.)



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"AN EXPERIMENT IN COMMUNITY LIFE UNDER CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINE"

LAST NOVEMBER, sixteen young people, from nine countries of Asia, Africa, Europe and North America, arrived in Nairobi, Kenya, to spend the next nine months in the first long-term Ecumenical Work Camp, sponsored by the World Council of Churches. Four young North Americans are in the Group—Miss Louise Britton, Presbyterian, from Texas; Robert B. Taylor, Baptist, from Ohio; Claire Taylor, of Walton, Ontario, and Donald Crummey of Toronto, both from the United Church of Canada. Others come from the Congo; Germany; Kenya; the Netherlands; New Zealand, the Philippines and Switzerland; and they represent almost all faiths—Anglican, Baptist, Church of Christ, Evangelical, Lutheran, Reformed, Presbyterian, and United Church. They are a cosmopolitan and Ecumenical group indeed — all of them young, devoted to their reasons for going, and enthusiastic!

They are all going to *work* — and to really *hard* manual work — and to exemplify how a completely inter-racial and international Group such as this can integrate with those they go to live among, with themselves and their differing ways of national life and living, and how truly they can fraternize one with the other, and become one people in Christ, despite differences of background and colour. They will lay bricks, saw wood, plant trees, build a sub-surface dam, convert an old building into a Chapel, and fence a 2,000-acre ranch — just to mention a few of their tasks!

Immediately upon arrival, they began work on the three separate projects — the reconstruction of a Community Centre; a School; and houses in the Hola area of the Tana River district, which last year was inundated by floods. Among the sixteen are a carpenter from Switzerland; a student from the Philippines; a builder from New Zealand; a dairy farmer from Australia, and a nurse from U. S. A. Five women are among the Group. They have all been warmly welcomed by the villagers, many of whom have started working beside them. Reports tell that the villagers have expressed real amazement that "white men are working so hard with their hands in the dirt!" "If this Camp has no other impact on the local community," says the first Report received, "at least the image of the white man will be changed, and they will no longer think of them as supermen." It added that in a part of Kenya in which there is strong hostility, and fear of white people, This could make an important difference in race relations.

From the Hola area project, the Campers will move to Senya, Masailand, where they will spend six months, doing a number of jobs at a rural development centre. These will include work on dams; building a cattle dip and crush, planting trees, making alterations in existing buildings to provide a Chapel, Classrooms, kitchen and dining-hall, and the construction of calf pens, milking sheds, and a Dispensary. The third project, planned for two months, is at the Kenya Christian Council's Kamanai Youth Camp, near Mombasa.

Most of these young people either paid for their own transportation to Kenya, or their Churches did, and for their hard work they receive only a small allowance for pocket money, and their board. They are certainly an admirable and dedicated group of young people, who were chosen for their fine Christian qualifications, their sincerity of purpose, and required skills, from among a large number who contacted W.C.C. headquarters, in Geneva, Switzerland, in April of last year. For over a decade, the Council has operated short-term Camps around the world for those young people who wished to express their Christian faith in practical and difficult service for their Master, but this is the first Long-Term Camp —an experiment which may serve as a model for similar future Camps.

As well as the manual labour done by these young Campers, they will also make a special study of ecumenical questions, youth problems; and contemporary African, political, social, and economic life. They will also study Swahili, in order to be able to communicate better with the people among whom they are working. The Camp is organized by the Christian Council of Kenya, and is led by Mr. Bethuel Kiplagat, an Anglican from Kenya, who graduated from Makerere College, Uganda, and spent six months in Europe on a Unesco Scholarship Programme, and by the co-leader, Mr. Jim Haines, an industrial chemist from Australia.

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THE OLD HOUSE

By Leeta McCully Cherry

Oh, better in an Old House
The weary heart may bide,
So I will seek an Old House,
Seek it far and wide —
An old House knows laughter,
And the slow drop of tears;
Its old rooms grow kinder,
They mellow with the years!

Seed-time and harvesting
Fade, and come again —
The Old House knows them
As a sweet refrain;
Takes the years and blends them
With wisdom, in itself,
Like a Good Wife storing
Fruit upon her shelf!

Human hopes and plannings,
Storms, and stress, and strain,
The Old House has lived them,
Watched them wax and wane;
And that is why an Old House
Enfolds, and understands,
And holds so much of comfort
In its old wise hands!

LOOKING AT NEW DELHI FROM ALLIPUR

(By the Rev. David Lyon, of Allipur, India, who went to the Assembly of the Council of Churches in New Delhi, as Editor of "The United Church Review," the magazine of the United Church of Northern India.)

"THE ASSEMBLY certainly aroused a great deal of interest in the Indian Church. At least three groups in Nagpur studied the preparatory material, and sermons were preached in the churches, especially at the three monthly United Services beforehand. The elder who leads worship in the little village group at Allipur has been speaking enthusiastically about it. There have also been articles and news, not only in the Indian religious press but in the secular press, and I was interested to find that a Hindu doctor in a village nearby had read of the Assembly and was quite well informed. It was an encouragement, too, that the Government of India was so considerate and helpful to the gathering in Delhi.

I shall never forget the procession to the Shamiana on the first day, led by a presbyter of the Church of South India; nor the singing in Hindu from within the Shamiana; 'parama pita ki stuti gaen . . .' ('Praise God the fountain of all blessings!') Nor shall I forget the act of worship: Juhanon Mar Thorma of the ancient Syrian Church in South-west India, who conducted the service; the lesson in French and German; the Ghanaian who led in prayer; and all those others, gathered from five continents, giving praise to God together, in shelter provided by Churches planted and rooted in India. A generation back, who would have dreamed that such a thing could happen?

What has impressed us has not been so much the things said at the Assembly, but the fact that it happened. The wonder of the fact of the Church has been underlined for us — the Church comprised of so many nations and of such varied traditions, languages and cultures. Political and racial barriers, and traditional ecclesiastical barriers, are being dramatically broken down within it; and the Churches of India belong to this great family. It has impressed people here deeply that the Church is at home in such a variety of places across the world; and we have been thrilled that this Assembly took place in Asia and particularly in India."

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A FRIEND

There's no friend like an old friend
Who has shared our morning days;
No welcome like her greeting,
No homage like her praise!

Fame is a scentless sunflower
With gaudy crown of gold,
But friendship is the dreaming rose,
With sweets in every fold! (Lowell)

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to the Women's Missionary Society (Western Division) of The Presbyterian Church in Canada the sum of .... dollars, free of succession duty, to be paid for the purpose of the said Society (Western Division) to the Treasurer for the time being thereof, whose receipt shall be a sufficient discharge for the payment.

"They Worked for Peace" — cont'd from Page 4

spread. One red rose in a slender vase stood upon the dresser; on every dresser in each of the family bedrooms one red rose is always kept.

We saw the guest bedroom, in whose simple bed had slept King George VI, Churchill, Chiang Kai-shek, Mackenzie King, to mention just a few; also the neighbouring room which among its noted occupants had numbered Queen Elizabeth of England, and Queen Wilhelmina of Holland. Both were rooms such as any of us might have in our houses. Old solid mahogany or walnut beds, some plain, some poster; simple frilled curtains; flowered wallpapers; lovely old knitted or crocheted bedspreads, such as many of us treasure from our own Grandmothers; deep crochet lace bordering the round night tables and edging dresser scarves. Somebody certainly knew how to crochet in that home, and loved to do it! The whole place was so simple and dignified, so comfortable, plain, and wholesome looking. I'm sure that even the King and Queen of England never spent a more comfortable night, or a more enjoyable visit, and I'm sure, too, that not one extra thing was done to impress them!

Almost across the hall from the big bedroom, in whose deep old-fashioned bed the President was born, is the President's own bedroom, commanding a wonderful view of the grounds and the river beyond. Across the chaise-longue at the foot of the heavy walnut bed, with its handsome knitted spread, rested the padded silk dressing-gown, just as the President himself left it. In the adjoining dressing-room, the suits he wore still neatly hung, his shoes and slippers stood in orderly rows in the cupboard, the wheel-chair waited nearby. Near the bed is the cosy old chair where Fala slept each night within reach of his master's hand; still there were the collar and cover he always waited for that master to put on. There are pictures of the family there too, in all stages of growth and development—all left just as they were, at the President's own desire. Mrs. Roosevelt's room, correspondingly simple and comfortable, opens off this one.

Downstairs, in the Jacobean dining-room, the table was set for two, with the President's chair in its accustomed place. Next to it, is the fine Reception Room, with its scintillating crystal chandeliers, its grand piano, warm chintz hangings, big comfortable chairs, a handsome presentation portrait of the President, and the exquisite Chinese treasures collected by his Mother. Distinguished guests from the far corners of the world have been received within this room, but somehow one felt that they, and the family too, would be more happy together in the great library-livingroom at the far end of the hall, where the huge fireplaces at either end, bearing the Roosevelt coat-of-arms, would glow with welcome, and where tiers of worn leather-bound books lined every wall. There were the deep upholstered chairs, as well as the high-backed swivel chairs which the President always used; interesting curios from every land filled the room with personal family atmosphere; there, too, was the large oil painting of his great-great-grandfather, who built this home, and also a splendid painting of himself, beside which always sat a bouquet of the red roses which he loved. There always existed between this man and his mother a very deep attachment, and a full-size portrait of Sara Delano Roosevelt, done in 1899, shows her as a regal woman of real force and character.

Near this, is what she herself called "The Snuggery," her own very special retreat, which she used as a writing and sitting room. It was truly a sweet little old room, and I liked it because it was so personally intimate, and revealed so much of its owner's likes, and interests. Very small, actually, it held a minute fireplace, comfortable old furniture, and simply overflowed with family photographs, souvenirs and treasures. It wasn't difficult at all to visualize Franklin and his Mother enjoying many a confidential and important little chat in that quiet "Snuggery" through the years!

The fine Library, built at the entrance to the Roosevelt estate, was given to the Nation by the President himself in 1939, to preserve for future generations the papers, books, and historical material acquired during a lifetime of public service. There was his Study; from there he did his broadcasting; all the wonderful gifts given to a President were treasured there; everything there has special meaning and value. This Library is indeed important and distinguished, and a veritable wellspring of information; the house is loveable, homelike and intimate. I liked it much the best!

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THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Victoria, B.C.
Press Secretary

KAMLOOPS - OKANAGAN PRESBYTERIAL — At the Rally for the Presbyterian women in the Okanagan, held in *Vernon,* over 30 enjoyed the Bible Study, on the "Women of Acts," led by Miss May Nutt, Regional Secretary. Mrs. G. M. Ledingham, President of Westminster Presbyterial, reported the Pacific Northwest Missionary Conference in *Tacoma, Washington, U. S. A.,* and, during Luncheon, the Rev. Denis Mahood, of Vernon, spoke on "No Time To Falter," the Church Report of Mission Work on our various Fields. Mrs. F. J. Dickson, of *Armstrong,* demonstrated the use of chalk for children's pictures, as she told of the W. M. S. Leadership Training Centre in *Edmonton,* and its value. Slides, records, and souvenirs, sent from *Korea* by Miss Tam Nakamura were enjoyed, and knitted scarves, were sent to lepers.

KOOTENAY PRESBYTERIAL — When the Affiliated Guild of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Cranbrook,* held their Annual Home Helpers Meeting, a Life Membership Certificate and Pin, were presented, by Mrs. Roulston, on behalf of the Society, to Mrs. J. J. Sutherland, a valued member of long standing. Films showing the work among the Indian Canadians were shown, and copies of the special Anniversary Song were given out for unison singing by the members. The closing Meeting of the year was held at the Manse, when President, Mrs. M. Schnell, was re-elected for a sixth term, and a Committee of Three was appointed to plan the Programmes for 1963. All members participated in the Study Programme, "Youth and Education in *British Guiana,"* with Miss A. T. Huchcroft, acting as Commentator.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — All the Mission Groups of Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* from Mission Band to Senior W. M. S. Auxiliary, participated in the Special Missionary Service on Sunday evening in the Church, when Guest Speaker, Miss Giollo Kelly, B.A., of Toronto, Executive Director of National Missions, spoke on "How The W. M. S. Serves The Church." Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Trevor Jones and Mrs. George Bell, and the Musical Programme was given by a Quartette from the Janet Thomson W. M. S. Auxiliary, and the C. G. I. T. Group. Members of the Helen McGill Circle assisted with the ushering and offering. Refreshments were served.

A Regional Rally of this Presbyterial was held in Cooke's Presbyterian Church, *Chilliwack,* with some 130 members in attendance from *Vancouver, New Westminster*, and the *Fraser Valley* towns. The Opening Devotion, on "What Doth the Lord Require of Me?", the Theme of the Meetings, was led by the Rev. Mr. Bell, and the Afternoon Worship Service was led by Mrs. Cloquette. Mrs. Morrison, showing her interesting Literature Display, spoke about the new books available, and the Mission Study Packets, and a Panel presentation of their experiences at the *Edmonton* W. M. S. Leadership Training Centre was given by Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Middleton, and Mrs. Calderwood. During Luncheon, an Anniversary Tableau was presented, and Mrs. Murdock gave a resume of the Annual Council Meeting in *Toronto*. A "True or False" questionnaire tested the knowledge of the audience on Overseas and National Missions. Miss Lillian Reay told of the work at St. Matthew's Christian Education Centre, and the Valley groups gave highlights of their year's activities. Mrs. Millar spoke on Finance, and Mrs. Allan and Mrs. Ledingham brought a picture of the Pacific Northwest Missionary Conference in *Tacoma, Washington.* The closing thought on the Theme — "What Does The Lord Require of Me" was — "my time; my money; my talents." Luncheon and tea was served by the *Chilliwack* ladies.

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL — Guest Speaker at a recent Meeting of the Evening W. M. S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Victoria,* was Mrs. R. G. Phillips, who organized and conducted a tour of the *Far East* under the Associated Church's Fellowship. Showing excellent pictures, Mrs. Phillips gave a challenging Address, as she told of the Churches, and the conditions among the people they visited.

The W. M. S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Nanaimo,* held their Home Helpers Christmas Party at the home of Mrs. F. E. Adolph, when an interesting Programme was given. On behalf of the guests, Mrs. A. Rowan presented the Vote of Thanks. These Home Helper Members contribute through the Mite Boxes, and three-times a year are visited by members of the Auxiliary. In the Spring, and at Christmas the Auxiliary entertains for them.

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL — This Presbyterial held an Open Meeting in Grace Presbyterian Church, when Mrs. Denton Taylor spoke on Ewart College, *Toronto,* stressing the importance of the Deaconess-Training work, and showing slides of the new building. Three Deaconesses in this Presbytery are graduates of Ewart College, and a member of Grace Church, *Calgary,* is now in attendance there. A Social Hour followed the Meeting.

Mrs. James Robertson conducted the Study Period from "The Rim of East Asia" at the Meeting of the Goforth W. M. S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, when Miss Margaret Alexander gave the Devotional Period, and Miss Cathy MacKenzie read and commented on the Anniversaries Article from "The Glad Tidings" — "Gold Rush Days in The Klondyke." An hour of social fellowship followed.

The Senior W. M. S. Auxiliary of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, held their Thank-Offering Meeting in the Church on Sunday evening, with Mrs. Polly Partin, recently returned from *British Guiana,* giving an illustrated Address on that land. The Women's and Children's Groups of this Church are contributing One Hundred Dollars for the education of a young person in one of our Mission Fields.

At the Christmas Thank-Offering Meeting of the Lillian Dickson Evening W. M. S. Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, held in the Sanctuary, Mrs. D. Ralph MacDonald, former Missionary in the *Philippines,* wearing her native costume, was the Guest Speaker, and Mrs. George Halliday was Soloist. Mrs. W. H. Henry, Mrs. C. D. Ogilvie, and Mrs. H. DeVrye took part in the Devotionals, whose Theme was "Thanks be unto God for His Unspeakable Gift!" Mrs. Susan Craig spoke on "The W. M. S. In Action," and, following the Service, a display of *Philippine* handicraft was shown.

An "Anniversary and Project Tea" to raise funds for the *Winnipeg* Fellowship House was held by the W. M. S. Auxiliary of *Banff* Presbyterian Church. Miss Barbara Woodruff, Regional Secretary, recently spoke to this Auxiliary. Mrs. Margaret Evans, a former *Banff* girl, now a Missionary in *Rhodesia,* will receive the boxes of bandages made by this Auxiliary.

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Molly Harbeck presided when the Evening W. M. S. Group of *Strathcona* Presbyterian Church entertained the Afternoon W. M. S. Group, at their regular Meeting, and Miss Hilda Blackwell, Deaconess of *Red Deer* Presbytery was Guest Speaker. Mrs. Jean Sonnenfeld conducted the Devotional. Discussion on Immigration Work and among New Canadians, followed the illustrated Address. Refreshments were served.

MACLEOD PRESBYTERIAL — A joint Meeting of the W. M. S. Auxiliaries of Riverside, and St. John's Presbyterian Churches, *Medicine Hat,* was held to hear Miss Barbara Woodruff, Regional Secretary for *Alberta,* speak on the Missionary Study, "On Asia's Rim" — *South*

Korea, Okinawa, Hong Kong, and *Taiwan.*

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL—The Fall Workshop for C. G. I. T., Explorer, and C. O. C. Leaders of this Presbyterial, held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Red Deer,* was sponsored by the Presbyterial, and planned by the Girls' and Children's Work Secretaries — Mrs. R. D. Nichols and Mrs. Ruby Day — assisted by Miss Hilda Blackwell, Presbytery Deaconess. The Devotional Period was led by Mrs. G. A. Sterling of *Willowdale,* and the Service of Dedication was conducted by the Rev. George Dobie, Moderator of *Red Deer* Presbytery, and Minister of Knox Church. Mrs. R. Kaiser, Mrs. A. Bower, and Mrs. J. Prince, a vocal trio from *Valley Centre,* sang. The President of *Alberta* Synodical, Mrs. George Anderson, presided in the C. G. I. T. Department, and Mrs. Ruby Day led the Explorer section. Miss Hilda Blackwell and Miss Barbara Wrolson, led discussions and activities in the C. O. C. Group, and Mrs. L. Brotherton and Mrs. R. Capel presented the Study as they had been given it at the W. M. S. Training School in *Edmonton.* Mrs. R. J. Burton of *Olds* led the closing session on handicraft ideas, with Mrs. Mildred Hockaday contributing "quick handicraft items for holiday use."

About forty members of the *Willowdale, Edwell,* and *Valley Centre* W.M.S. groups gathered at the home of Mrs. E. B. Day Jr., to pay tribute to Mrs. George Anderson, who with her husband, the Rev. George Anderson, is leaving the *Willowdale* field, and taking up residence in *London,* Ontario.

Mrs. Anderson was presented with a Life Membership from the members of the three groups of the field which she and her husband have served for the past three and a half years. Mrs. J. Puzey of *Valley Centre* made the presentation of the Life Membership, and Mrs. Dennis Scott, of *Edwell* W. M. S., presented the pin. Mrs. W. Hanna of Knox Church, *Red Deer,* presented Mrs. Anderson with an Aurora Borealis pin from the Synodical Sub-Executive, of which Mrs. Anderson has been President for the past three years. Mrs. W. J. Kirkpatrick, on behalf of the W. M. S. Auxiliary of Knox Church presented an Alberta Rose tea cup to Mrs. Anderson.

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MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL—At the Annual Home Helpers Tea, held by the W. M. S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Swift Current,* on behalf of Mrs. E. V. Wahn, the presentation of a Life Membership was made to Mrs. Gordon Flood, Home Helpers Secretary, by Mrs. J. R. McKee, Synodical Life Membership Secretary. Present to share the honours with Mrs. Flood, were her Mother, Mrs. Annie Murdock, her daughter, Mrs. N. Ellis, and her infant grandson, Ian Douglas Ellis, who is enrolled as the youngest member of the Home Helpers. Mrs. Flood is a sister of Miss Evelyn Murdock, Deaconess in the Presbytery of *Saskatoon.*

PRINCE ALBERT PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. A. Burt, Superintendent of the C.G.I.T. Departments, and a devoted W. M. S. worker of many years service was honoured by the Lucy Baker W. M. S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Prince Albert,* with the presentation of a Life Membership Certificate and Pin, as she leaves for her new home in *Calgary*. Mrs. E. Dixon presented the Certificate, and the Life Membership Pin was pinned on by Mrs. F. Fraser, who also presented the good wishes of the Auxiliary. Pictures were taken of the Presentation, and also of the four members — Mrs. O. Ratowski, Mrs. D. Codling, Mrs. A. Wylie, and Mrs. A. Leach — who were in costume for the Anniversary Skit. At the Fellowship Hour following, Mrs. F. Veale, and her Assistants served refreshments.

At the Sunday Service in the Presbyterian Church, *Mistawasis Reserve,* Mrs. A. Wyllie, and her C.G.I.T. Group, presented a Candle-Lighting Service, whose Theme was "Jesus Christ, the Light of the World." The Rev. S. Howe gave the Bible message. After the Service, the church members served Luncheon in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Wyllie (the former Ada Wade) on their recent marriage. Mrs. Wyllie has worked with these people for the past four years, and Mr. Wyllie often took part in Services of Worship at *Mistawasis*. Mrs. J. Eshpeter, *Prince Albert,* Synodical Glad Tidings Secretary, was a special Guest.

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL—The Thank-Offering Meeting of the W. M. S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Stoughton,* was held in the Church, with President, Mrs. R. Ryalls, presiding, assisted by Miss Jean Little and Mrs. James Young. The Guest Speaker, the Rev. P. McKague, gave an informative Address on "The Ecumenical Movement." A happy surprise was the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Walter McLean, who expect to take up work in *Nigeria* following the ordination of Mr. McLean, a former student Minister of this Church in 1955. Guests from *Weyburn, Estevan*, and local Church groups were welcomed. Mrs. K. Gray dedicated the Offering; Mrs. E. G. Richardson was Organist; and Rev. P. McKague pronounced the benediction, after which lunch was served.

At the Executive Meeting of this Presbyterial, Mrs. J. Denton Taylor, of *Toronto* spoke on Ewart College, and showed slides of the old and the new College. Miss Jean C. Williamson, a faithful worker both in First Presbyterian Church, *Regina,* and in *Regina* Presbyterial, was presented with a corsage, prior to leaving on a World Tour, when she expects to visit many of our own Mission Fields. Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary, Mrs. N. D. Kennedy and the Rev. and Mrs. Graeme Duncan, of Northside Presbyterian Church, were Special Guests.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Moosomin,* and the W.M.S. Auxiliary of that Church lost a valued member in the recent death of Mrs. Alex Broadley, who was a Charter Member, and present Treasurer of the W. M. S. Auxiliary, and Church Organist for many years. Her husband served as Clerk of Session in his Church for 30 years.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — The Rev. M. Muth, Missionary in *Northern Saskatchewan,* conducted the Worship Service at a recent meeting of the W. M. S. Auxiliary of *Wilkie,* and Presbyterial President, Mrs. B. Edwards, introduced the Study Book, "On Asia's Rim." Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary, told of the coming Anniversaries, and both Miss J. Walls, and Miss E. Murdock, Presbytery Deaconess, spoke briefly. Mrs. J. Buchanan, *Saskatoon* described the Travelling Book Store, and displayed the interesting books available. Mrs. Manning, *Rosetown,* enthusiastically told of her attendance at the W. M. S. Leadership Training Centre in *Edmonton.* Refreshments were served at the home of Mrs. F. B. Setter.

Cradle Roll Children of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* were entertained at a Birthday Party by the W. M. S. Auxiliary of this Church. Guests were welcomed by the President, Mrs. W. E. Early, with Mrs. R. Downey in charge of the Guest Register. Mrs. M. Rutherford was in charge of the children's games, and Mrs. M. Nicolson sang. Nursery Department Supervisor, Mrs. G. M. Devenny, invited the Mothers to bring their babies to the Nursery during the morning Worship Service, and birthday cake and ice cream were served to the children, while Mrs. E. McKinnon and Mrs. M. Morris served refreshments to the Mothers. Mrs. J. Tait, Mrs. W. Pocock, and Mrs. T. Hislop, also assisted. Mrs. M. A. Abbott, Secretary of the Cradle Roll, convened this pleasant affair, and presented a gift to each child, when leaving.

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. R. A. Davidson gave "The Christmas Story" at the Annual Meeting of the W. M. S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Portage la Prairie,* and the retiring President, Mrs. G. M. Bain, was presented with an Honorary Membership, in recognition of her faithful service both in her Congregation and her Auxiliary. At the Election of Officers, Mrs. R. A. Davidson was appointed Honorary President, and Mrs. J. A. Andrews became the new President. A Social Hour was enjoyed at the close of the Meeting.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — Some 60 Presbyterian girls met together in First Presbyterian Church, *Fort William*, for a C.G.I.T. Rally, when Mrs. K. Denton Taylor, Chairman of the Board of Ewart College, *Toronto,* was Guest Speaker. Introduced by Linda Walton, of the C.G.I.T. Group of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* Mrs. Taylor showed interesting slides, and, speaking of the opportunities offered for service as a Missionary or a Deaconess, asked the girls to seriously think about "What God Would Have Me Do." The slides showing the grand piano provided by gifts from C.G.I.T. Groups was of special interest. Evelyn Iwachewski of Oliver Road C.G.I.T., *Port Arthur,* thanked the Speaker. The Worship Service was conducted by Jane Cashaback and Kathryn Buie, of St. Andrew's C.G.I.T., *Fort William*, and the Offering was received by Barbara Andras and Carol MacKay and dedicated for use for Ewart College.

Adjourning to the Church Hall, Mrs. Carol Caird led the Sing-Song, and Brenda Powell, of First Presbyterian Church, *Fort William* led a round dance. Mrs. Sheilagh Hearnden, the W. M. S. representative at the Rally, had a fine display of Crafts and Mission Study materials, and Mrs. Helen Rose, Literature Secretary for Superior Presbyterial, presented an excellent display of books, available from the Publications Department. During the Refreshment Period, both of these Displays were enjoyed by the girls, as was the opportunity to talk with Mrs. Taylor. The Meeting closed with Taps.

The Rev. Dr. A. H. Johnson was the Speaker at the Christmas Meeting of the W. M. S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Fort William,* and the Worship Service in the December issue of "The Glad Tidings" was used. Mrs. H. J. Loney, Manitoba Synodical President, presented an Honorary Membership to the Auxiliary Treasurer, Mrs. D. MacAulay, on behalf of the members. Mrs. J. G. McKerdy convened the Meeting, and a Social Hour followed.

The Affiliated Evening Guild of this Church, at their Christmas Meeting, presented a Life Membership to Mrs. W. J. Buie, a still very active Past President. Mrs. H. J. Loney, President of Manitoba Synodical, made the presentation, the first one made since the forming of the Guild. President, Mrs. Hollinsworth conducted the Worship Service, which was followed by an impressive Nativity Pageant. Mrs. J. Luck was Guest Soloist.

The Nellie Tweedie W. M. S.

Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Geraldton,* Ont., met at the home of the President, Mrs. V. Bowron, when the Convener of Nominations presented her Report, and Mrs. J. Nelson was elected to the Presidency for 1963. A Life Membership Certificate was presented to Charter Member, Mrs. Helen Moat, and it was announced that Mrs. Nellie Tweedie is the Key Woman for the Anniversary Book, at *Geraldton.*

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — At first Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* a C.O.C. and Explorers Workshop was held under the direction of Miss Dorothy Keller, Regional Secretary, and Miss Elsie Miller, Secretary for Children's Groups, on Winnipeg Presbyterial. The Theme of the Meeting was "Seasons Under Missions." Mrs. W. S. Smith, Synodical Children's Secretary, conducted the Devotional Period, and the Rev. N.W.B. Phells, Chairman of the Christian Education Committee of the Presbytery, attended the Meeting.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL — At the last Executive Meeting of this Presbyterial, Mrs. Glen Fullerton, delegate to the W. M. S. Leadership Training Centre, in *Belleville* reported on the helpful and interesting Programme carried-out there, and Mrs. Jas. Gilchrist told of the first W. M. S. Camp held at *Kintail.* President, Mrs. E. W. Krampp, brought highlights of the Annual Synodical and Council Meetings which she had attended.

The W. M. S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Walkerton,* celebrated their 75th Anniversary, with the Guest Speaker, Mrs. A. S. Curr, *Toronto,* Council President, speaking on "The Call To Missions." Mrs. James Harkley, Historian, gave the Auxiliary's historical background, and in the Candlelighting Ceremony those taking part were Mrs. Curr; Mrs. Harkley, W. M. S.; Miss Sharon Seigner, C.G.I.T.; Pattie Waldie, Explorers; Susan Bumstead, C.O.C. Presbyterial greetings were presented by President, Mrs. E. W. Krampp, and congratulations were extended from local Churches, visiting Auxiliaries, and former members. A Social Hour followed.

Guests from *Southampton* and members from Women's Institutes of the district, attended the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W. M. S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Burgoyne.* Slides of a recent cruise to *Japan, Hong Kong,* and many parts of the *Far East,* including part of the rim of *East Asia* were shown by Mrs. and Miss Boith, of *New Hamburg,* as well as a display of native articles brought back from their trip.

HURON PRESBYTERIAL — The Rev. Wm. Weir, of *Stratford,* was Guest Speaker at a Meeting of the Afternoon W. M. S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Goderich,* when an Honorary Membership was presented to his Mother, Mrs. Fred Weir, in recognition of her fifty years of devoted service in this Auxiliary. Before leaving her home Church again, to resume her work among the *Bhils,* in *India,* Miss Ida White, Reg. N., was presented with silver spoons, engraved with "Knox, W.M.S.," to take with her as a momento, as well as a Prayer for a safe journey, and a blessing on her work in *India.*

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., on furlough from the *Bhil Field, India,* spoke to the Afternoon and Evening W.M.S. Auxiliaries of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Ripley,* Mrs. H. McCreath, Evening Auxiliary President, presided, and the Worship Service was conducted by Mrs. Gladys Huston, and Mrs. V. Smith. Members of the Choir, accompanied by Mrs. M. MacDonald, gave musical selections.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL — The third Annual Conference of Presbyterian Women of the Niagara Peninsula, held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *St. Catharines,* had the Theme — "Working Together For Christ," and the Rev. J. K. R. Thomas conducted the Worship Service, and welcomed delegates. Five Training Workshops were held, and Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary, conducted the one for the Presbyterial Executive, speaking especially on organization, and the relationship of the W. M. S. to the whole Church. The Workshop on "Working Through Prayer" was in charge of the Rev. W. McLeod, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Welland.* Miss Luzetta McClelland, Treasurer of Council Executive, reviewed the Study Book, "On Asia's Rim," and Miss Shirley Jeffrey, in charge of Leadership Training for Y.P.S. of *Niagara* Presbytery, led on "Working Out Lively Programmes." Mrs. Ellen Bailey, of *Welland,* a delegate to *Belleville,* conducted the session on "Working With Children In The Church." Mrs. C. Henderson, of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, *St. Catharines* led the closing Worship Service. This conference had the best attendance to date, and, in its earnestness and enthusiasm, clearly showed the rising concern for the need of educated and dedicated leadership in all the work of the Church.

SARNIA PRESBYTERIAL—Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N., addressed the Rally of this Presbyterial. Slides of the Winnipeg Fellowship House were also shown, and at the Executive Meeting, Mrs. Allan Neal, of *Sarnia,* reported on the Anniversary Projects, for which each member is making a regular contribution per week.

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ALGOMA PRESBYTERIAL—The Mavis Reoch W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Sault Ste. Marie,* presented an Honorary Membership to Mrs. David Pitt.

At the "Friendship Tea" held by the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Sault Ste. Marie, members attended from *Victoria* Church; *Korah*; *St. Paul's* and *Westminster* Churches. Models of the Winnipeg Fellowship House centred each table, and articles and slides of various Mission Fields were on display.

Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Deaconess, spoke at a recent Meeting in *Sault Ste. Marie,* on the Duties of Officers.

BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL — At the *Orillia* Thank-Offering Meeting, one hundred guests were welcomed by Mrs. J. A. MacInnis, Mrs. E. A. Beggs, and Mrs. G. A. Brown. Arrangements were in charge of Mrs. A. C. McIntyre and Mrs. T. P. McCullough, and Mrs. S. Serjeant presided. Devotions were led by Mrs. N. Post and Miss H. Nugent, and the Guest Speaker, Mrs. A. S. Curr, Council President, spoke on "Why — Missions?" An Honorary Membership was presented to Mrs. G. A. Browne, Hospital Visitor for twelve years, and a Life Membership, given by Mrs. Ray Horner in memory of her Mother, the late Mrs. J. B. Thompson was presented to Mrs. T. P. McCullough, by Mrs. C. Wallace. Mrs. Cowden Whitfield presented an "In Memoriam" Certificate, in memory of Mrs. J. H. Whitfield. The Rev. C. G. Beggs pronounced the benediction. At the Social Hour following, Mrs. George Thorburn and Mrs. R. McPherson were Hostesses.

EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — An Honorary Membership was presented to Mrs. J. S. Kerr, at a recent Meeting of the Scott Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* by Miss J. L. Kay, in memory of her sister, the late Mrs. G. W. Ferguson, an active officer in this Auxiliary for many years. Mrs. Ferguson (Christine) had also served as a staff member of the Presbyterian Record for the last twenty years. Mrs. Bernard Richel was re-elected to the Presidency.

At the joint Thank-Offering Meeting of the Dickson, and Wallace, W. M. S. Auxiliaries of Cooke's Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* the Rev. Russell Self, M.A., B.D., M.Th., of *Jhansi, India* was Guest Speaker. After his Address, Mr. and Mrs. Self sang duets in English and Hindi, to accordian accompaniment. Pictures of the work at *Jhansi* were also shown. Mrs. Henry Rogers, President of Wallace

Auxiliary, presided, and Mrs. Gilbert Rae conducted the Worship Service. Mrs. James McCue, and Mrs. J. Newstead, sang a duet.

Mrs. A. G. Macpherson, at the recent Meeting of the McKenzie W. M. S. Auxiliary of Riverdale Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* installed the 1963 Executive, with Mrs. F. Miller returned as President. A presentation was made by Mrs. Miller on behalf of the Auxiliary, to Mrs. Macpherson, expressing their deep appreciation of the twenty-seven years of loyal service and warm friendship given by Mrs. Macpherson, and by her husband, the Rev. A. Gordon Macpherson, D.D., who has now retired from active service in the Ministry. A deep sense of loss is felt by this Presbyterian Church and its membership.

LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL—More than 100 guests were welcomed by Mrs. A. McKay and Mrs. J. Nesbitt, Sr., when, under the leadership of Mrs. Hugh Hoyle, the W. M. S. Auxiliary of *Glenarm* Presbyterian Church held their Family Night. The Guest Speaker was Mrs. McMullen, of *Lindsay,* and an "In Memoriam" Certificate, in memory of her Mother, Mrs. (Dr.) Smith was presented to Mrs. McMullen. The Musical Programme was given by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Valentine, and Mrs. J. Nesbitt, Jr. Proceeds of this Meeting were sent to the National Missions Anniversary Project, the Winnipeg Fellowship House.

NORTH BAY PRESBYTERIAL—At the Executive Meeting of this Presbyterial, held at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Miller, *North Bay,* Mrs. M. E. Kerr presided, and Devotions were led by Mrs. A. Sanborne and Mrs. H. Davis, of Parkside Presbyterian Church, *Sudbury.* Introduced by the President, Guest Speaker, Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary, spoke of the duties of Presbyterial Secretaries and other Officers, and was thanked by Mrs. W. R. Edgar, on behalf of the Meeting. At the Social Hour, Mrs. C. Young presided at the tea table, and her Assistants were Mrs. G. F. Bailey and Mrs. R. A. Robertson.

Sixty women attended the Supper Meeting of *Sudbury* Presbyterian Women, which was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Sudbury.* Miss Mary Duffin, Deaconess, conducted the Worship Service, and Mrs. M. E. Kerr introduced the Speaker, Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary, who conducted a "Buzz Session," and dealt with special problems of the various Groups. Mrs. N. Armstrong moved the Vote of Thanks.

ORANGEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL—Miss Marion Huxley, of *Hillsburg,* presided at the Teen-Age Rally held in Grand Valley Presbyterian Church, when more than 75 young people from *Erin, Ospringe,* *Orangeville, Waldemar, Grand Valley, South Luther, Hillsburg* and *Markdale,* were in attendance. Glen McInner, *Grand Valley,* gave the welcome, and John Hiemstra, of *Orangeville* replied. The Rev. Caldwell, of *Hillsburg* introduced the Speaker, Gene Soderburg, of the Navigator Group, *Toronto,* who spoke on "The Four Creeds People Live By Today." Devotions were conducted by Willa Berry, *South Luther*, with prayer by the Rev. Colvin, *Markdale*; and the Offering was in charge of boys from *Grand Valley*. The Rev. J. Nute, *Orangeville,* conducted the Sword Drill, which was won by the *Waldemar* Group, after keen competition with the *Orangeville* Group. In this Drill, all verses were on the Holy Spirit. Pianist was John Nairn, *South Luther*. The ladies of the Church served Luncheon.

PETERBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. C. A. Eby, Presbyterial Secretary, presented the Membership Cards at the Re-Affiliation Service of the C.G.I.T. Group of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Port Hope,* and the Guest Speaker, Mrs. W. Anderson, *Port Hope,* gave a resume of W.M.S. work at home and Overseas. A Travelogue on *Formosa*, from the Study Book, was given by the girls, and they also sang a Hymn from the Formosan Presbyterian Church Hymnal. Refreshments were served following the Meeting.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL—At the Thank-Offering Service of the Goforth W. M. S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Port Credit,* the Rev. J. C. Cooper, B.A., Assistant Home Missions Secretary, on the Board of Missions, told of his work in *Canada,* and of his visit behind the *Iron Curtain.*

For the first time in its 77-year history, the Afternoon Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Oakville,* presented an Honorary Membership. Mrs. W. R. Adamson, Vice-President of Council Executive made the presentation to Mrs. C. K. Nicoll, whose husband, the late Rev. C. K. Nicoll was Minister of this Church from 1933 to 1961, with the exception of a period when he was Chaplain with the Armed Forces, during the Second World War.

At the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W. M. S. Auxiliaries of Wychwood Presbyterian Church, *Toronto* the Rev. P. L. Sams, who served in *Egypt* with the *United Nations Forces* was Guest Speaker, and used interesting slides of his visit to *Jerusalem, Mount Sinai,* and the Lower Nile, to illustrate his Address. Mrs. H. Nicoll, President of the Agnes Patterson W.M.S. Auxiliary, presided, and members of all the Church Auxiliaries participated in the Service.

Mrs. J. C. McFarlane, President of West Toronto Presbyterial, was Guest Speaker at the New Year's Meeting of the Janet Geggie Auxiliary of the W. M. S. of Parkdale

Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* when she spoke on the Theme— "Yonder Is Heaven — And Here Am I," and installed the 1963 Executive. Mrs. H. S. Evans succeeds the late Mrs. W. J. Marks as Honorary President, and Mrs. O. J. Davies was unanimously re-elected to a second term as President. Mrs. Donald Beveridge was Tea Hostess, and Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry welcomed members and guests.

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BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — At the 25th Anniversary of the Women's Club of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Morrisburg,* an impressive Candle-Lighting Service was held in the Lecture Room of the Church, when Mrs. Donald Merkley, Past President; Mrs. Allard Reynolds, President, and Miss Mary Ethel Baker, of the J.P.S., lighted the candles representing the Past, Present, and Future. Historical highlights of this Club were read by Mrs. H. Presley and Mrs. A. N. Riley, and a telegram of congratulation was read from Mrs. J. Racher, now of *Kingston,* the first Treasurer of the Club of thirty members. Mrs. Lorne Kinkaid, President of the W. M. S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church cut the Anniversary Cake at the Social Hour following the Meeting.

LANARK AND RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL — Guests from *Renfrew, Arnprior, Castleford, Dewar,* and *Glasgow* were among the seventy women who signed the Register at the celebration of the 75th Anniversary Meeting of the W. M. S. Auxiliary of *Lochwinnoch* Presbyterian Church. President, Mrs. Mervin Miller presided, and Mrs. Steve McGregor conducted the Memorial Service, during which Mrs. Wm. McArthur placed a basket of flowers on the altar in memory of forty-six departed members. Mrs. Joseph Paynter, of *Pembroke,* the Guest Speaker, spoke on "Training Children in Prayer and Leadership." Greetings from Presbyterial were presented by First Vice-President, Mrs. H. M. Clancy, of *Arnprior,* and the Historical Resume revealed many interesting memories of the years since the Auxiliary formation, during the Pastorate in 1887, of the late Rev. J. B. Stewart. Only two monthly Meetings have been missed in all that time, and only then because of a diphtheria epidemic in 1903. The *Lochwinnoch* White Heather Mission Band was formed in 1889, and still has a very active group of child-members. Mrs. Roland Phillips closed the Anniversary celebration with prayer, and at the Social Hour Mrs. Laura Thomson cut the three-tiered Anniversary Cake, made by Mrs. R. J. McGregor, and decorated by Mrs. Glen Juby.

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Lifting their faces, like white saints, to God,
And the Easter song rises, as I kneel, bending low,
Then have I come into the Holy Temple of the Lord!"
(Helen Keller)

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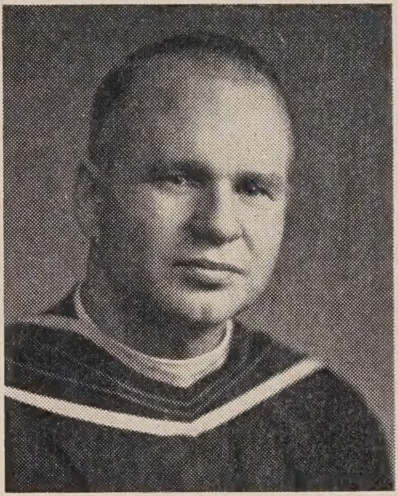
THE VICTORY OF EASTER



by

PROFESSOR ALLAN L. FARRIS

Professor of Church History, Knox College, Toronto, Ont.

The discovery of the empty tomb has changed the course of human history. No other event has had such a comparable effect. Those startling, and incredibly amazing words, "He is not here; He is risen," have brought a whole new dimension into human existence. Three institutions remain to this day, to remind us of the impact of the Resurrection event; the Christian Church, the New Testament, and the observance of the First day of the week as the Lord's Day. Without the impact of the Resurrection, not one of these institutions would have come into existence. Why this impact?

I. Because the Resurrection spelt the doom of death! With the birth of Jesus began the long process of identification with humanity, which was to culminate finally in His acceptance of the consequences of our sin in the death on the Cross. Sin and death are inevitably related. Death is God's judgment on sin. Death, therefore, is not the debt of nature; it is the debt of sin. But Christ died our death — the death due our sins. He took upon Himself — in our place — in our stead — the awful consequences of sin. By dying the death due our sin, He removed the sting of death, and changed its character.

Death, which before was such a fearful thing, now became, for the Christian, the means of attaining to the blessedness of God. Our death by Christ's death, was transformed from the soul-shattering, devastating, judgment of God, into an open door of an illimitable and glorious future. Now the Christian can shout triumphantly, "Who is He that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea, that is risen again! O! Death where is thy sting? O Grave where thy victory? Thanks be unto God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

II. Because the Resurrection demonstrated the defeat of Evil powers.

Calvary was a battle ground. There, two forces, as it were, met, and fought, for the souls of men. Christ, as the champion of the human race, entered into mortal combat with the dark, foreboding, anti-god powers of the universe, and challenged their right to disintegrate and destroy God's chiefest handiwork, the human race. As the Good Shepherd, He interposed His own life between them and the little flock, that the Father had committed to His charge.

When Christ was laid in the tomb, it appeared as though these evil powers had conquered, and that wickedness and violence had won the day. But God raised Him from the dead, and that first Easter morning He not only gave guarantee of the personal resurrection of the followers of Christ, after the similitude of His glorious Resurrection, but He also gave living and powerful demonstration that nothing can frustrate His designs, or defeat His purposes. The powers of evil were henceforth to be limited in the scope of their operation, and subjected to the over-ruling Providence of God. The Resurrection is the powerful testimony of God that evil shall not win the day, or determine the future of mankind.

"Sin shall no longer have dominion over you," exulted the Apostle Paul. The power which defeated death, and triumphed over the fierce powers of evil, is now available to defeat the power of sin and death which reigns within your members. A new power — an incredible power, the power that raised Christ Jesus from the dead — can work within to defeat the old Adam of sin, and to recreate the new Adam of Grace and Glory.

The Christian moreover, not only can defy the powers of evil within, but can also face the future unafraid. "All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth," announced our Lord following the first Easter Day. If this be so, then not evil powers, but Christ, determines the shape of our futures. Christ must be the Lord of our futures, and of the futures of all who trust in Him.

III. Because the Resurrection pledged a life of incomparable splendour. The Apostle Paul insisted that we Christians experience the power of the Resurrection here and now. The same power, that raised Christ Jesus from the dead, raises us to newness of life. Our faith, our growth in Grace, the reconstructing power within, is all the outworking of the power of the Resurrection through the Spirit. But it is only a **partial** experience. We have, said Paul, but "an earnest of the Spirit." That is to say, we have but a sample of what is to come; a taste of the banquet to be enjoyed; a down-payment on the principal sum to be delivered; the preview of the glorious drama to be enacted; the first fruits of a splendid harvest. There is a hidden potential within the Christian's breast, which is ready to be released into a life of incomparable splendour — a life fashioned after the pattern of Christ's risen and glorified state. Just as the power locked up in the atom awaited the day when technical and scientific discoveries would release it, so there is power locked up in the Christian's breast, which awaits that day of Christ, when all of the confining restrictions of this earthly, sin-corrupted, existence will be released, and the Christian's life will explode into a life incredibly glorious, and indescribably satisfying.

"Beloved," wrote John, "**now** are we the sons of God and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is." What a staggering prospect! But the power which is now working within us, overcoming the dominion of evil, promises us precisely that. What the power of Easter will yet work in our lives is beyond the capacity of our minds even to conceive, let alone describe; "Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man the things which the Lord hath prepared for them that love Him."

Christ is risen! Therefore let us, in joyful confidence, shout defiance in the face of death, trample under foot the powers of evil, and walk with a steady trust into that future where the best is yet to be.

"The strife is o'er, the battle done;
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun — Hallelujah!"

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Easter Morning

Tomb, thou shalt not hold Him longer:
Death is strong, but life is stronger;
Stronger than the dark, the light;
Stronger than the wrong, the right;
Faith and hope triumphant say,
"Christ will rise on Easter Day!"

While the patient earth lies waking
Till the morning shall be breaking,
Shuddering 'neath the burden dread
Of her Master, cold and dead,
Hark! she hears the angels say,
"Christ will rise on Easter Day!"

And when sunrise smites the mountains,
Pouring light from heavenly fountains,
Then the earth blooms out to greet
Once again the blessed feet;
And her countless voices say:
"Christ has risen on Easter Day!"

—Phillips Brooks

PRAYER

by MISS HILDA BLACKWELL

Deaconess, Red Deer, Alberta

Our Heavenly Father, most gracious and Holy, in humble adoration we bow before Thee, acknowledging our unworthiness to approach Thy throne, except in the merits of Thine only Son our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We praise Thee for Thy matchless mercy and grace; that Thou didst condescend to enter this vale of tears and show us, by Thine own life on earth, the true way of everlasting joy.

O Lord our God, at this Easter Season our hearts are filled to overflowing with gratitude for what was accomplished for all mankind on the Cross of Calvary, and for the hope that we have, because of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus and Thy precious promises to all believers. We thank Thee that these promises are given to all classes and conditions of people, that in Thy sight all are equal, and entitled to the same privileges, as long as we recognize that we have no righteousness of our own, and wholly trust in Thy finished work through Jesus our Redeemer.

We confess that we have not always lived up to our high calling in Christ Jesus. Forgive us, O Father, our headstrong disobedience, and for sins of which we are ignorant. Deliver us from pride in past achievements; and help us, O Lord, to be alive to the worth of new ideas inspired by Thy Holy Spirit.

We thank Thee for the many blessings we enjoy in this great land. We are mindful that it is from Thee we receive them; and we pray that Thou wilt help us to be good stewards of our time and talents, not holding back anything because we consider it mediocre, for Thou canst use even the one talent wholly dedicated to Thee.

God bless our Gracious Queen and all who are in positions of authority in our country, in the Commonwealth, and all great nations of the world, in these troubled times. May all who are chosen to govern, be guided by Thy hand, that Thy will may be done.

We would remember, too, all people in need of our prayers — the sick and sorrowing; the lonely and unloved; the bewildered and forlorn; the unemployed, and the stranger within our gates. May they be comforted by Thy presence; and grant unto us the wisdom to do and say the right things, at the right time, to such as are heavy in heart, who have burdens of the body and of the spirit.

We would uphold before Thee all Thy messengers serving Thee in many capacities at home and abroad. May they receive blessing in their labours, seeing a rich harvest of souls being brought from darkness into light. We

recognize that our own land is not fully immersed in the light — there is a great field for evangelism right on our own doorstep. Help us, when we pray for those who are serving Thee, to hear and heed Thy call to positive action ourselves. Imbue us with Thy Holy Spirit, to continue faithful and not to count the cost, for Thou didst not count the cost when Thou gavest Thy Son for our redemption. In His precious Name, we pray. Amen.

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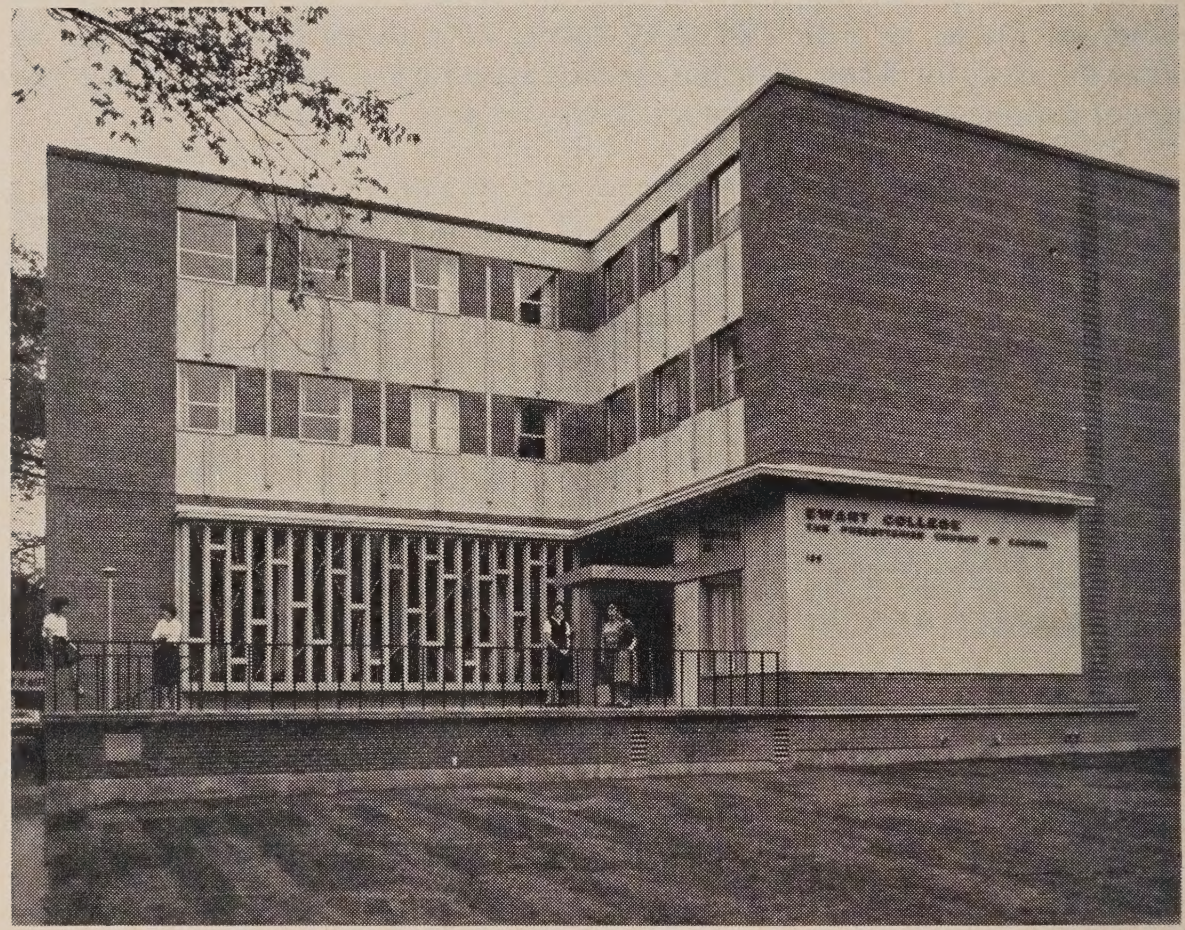

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The Annual Council Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, will be held in Ewart College, 156 St. George Street, Toronto, Ontario, from Monday, May 6th to Friday, May 10th, 1963, inclusive. The Key Verse for the Sessions will be — "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and *THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW* that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." (St. John 17 — verse 23).

FINANCIAL STATEMENT — 1962

Miss E. Luzetta McClelland

It is with deep regret that we must report a disappointing financial statement for the year ending December 31, 1962. With a 1962 Estimate of $397,670.00 the expenditures have been kept down to $367,654.76. Our Synodical givings were $339,777.80, which is only about $2,700.00 more than contributed in 1961 and leaves us with a DEFICIT of $18,729.99 — the largest ever, to my knowledge.

The General Fund is that which carries the conduct and maintenance of the work entrusted to us by our Church. Certain other funds are earmarked for specific purposes, and cannot be used in any other way — which fortunately allows us to go forward in other areas of the work.

Some years ago, our mothers and grandmothers provided us with some hard-earned savings, now held in bonds in the General Fund. We have been keeping these for an emergency — but, at the time of writing, it seems wise to balance our disbursements by selling the required amount of bonds.

We regret having to disturb this nest-egg, but it is our hope and prayer that each member, both active and associate, will seriously and prayerfully THINK or RE-THINK about an individual WEEKLY commitment. This *could* perform a miracle on each year's givings.

We would remind you that the estimate for 1963 is $407,765.00, exclusive of the Supply Fund Estimate, which will indeed provide us with a real challenge. We can do nothing about 1962 now — but we CAN do something about 1963, with nine months ahead of us. Let us not leave it to wishful thinking.

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"Our loving heavenly Father, we come into thy presence humbly, realizing that apart from Thee, we are nothing. As we think of our commitment to Thee, clear our minds and hearts of all prejudice, of all preconceived ideas and leave them open that we may hear and accept what Thou hast to say to us. We know that Thou dost not need what we can give Thee — our minds, our time, our talents — our substance — but we know that only as we give them to Thee do we grow in grace.”

—E. Luzetta McClelland,
Treasurer.

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Hamilton and London	114,969.73	
Toronto and Kingston	123,659.40	
Montreal and Ottawa	54,084.46	$339,777.80
Individual subscriptions	8,203.52	
Less Individual subscriptions held for 1963	755.35	7,448.17
Church assessment for Indian work in Canada		798.80
Interest		900.00
		$348,924.77

DISBURSEMENTS:

National	$104,587.33
Overseas	126,416.29
Organization	45,603.61
Publications	20,910.28
Administration	26,342.09

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Council Meeting		4,829.66	
General Contingency		722.16	
Insurances and Taxes		1,172.09	
Visual Education		1,000.00	
Grants		1,410.00	
Synodical Grants		1,242.90	
Medical Insurance for Staff		2,416.25	
Payments from Special Gifts		4,295.63	
New Work:			
National Missions	$ 5,505.83		
Overseas Missions	11,525.64	17,031.47	$367,654.76

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RECEIPTS:

Capital at beginning of year		$ 8,239.72
Synodicals:		
British Columbia	$ 453.50	
Alberta	464.00	
Saskatchewan	433.90	
Manitoba	404.41	
Hamilton and London	4,264.18	
Toronto and Kingston	5,173.54	
Montreal and Ottawa	2,119.79	13,313.32
		$ 21,553.04

ATTENTION — W.M.S. MEMBERS!

The amount required to meet the estimated needs of the Society for 1963	$407,765.00
The financial Synodical givings of the Society for 1962	339,777.80
Increase of	$ 67,987.20

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Groups which gave $200 in 1962 should give $240 in 1963

Anniversary Corner

MRS. JOHN REDPATH — A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

by

MRS. (W. STANFORD) PRISCILLA LEE REID

Taken in her 86th year.
(Notman Photographic Archives,
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of McGill University)

The Ladies French Evangelization Society of Montreal, organized in 1875, after the union which brought forth the Presbyterian Church in Canada, had as its first President a woman of outstanding ability, Mrs. John Redpath. A widow of over sixty, but possessing the strength and determination of a person much younger, she brought to the office both enthusiasm and wisdom born of long experience.

Prior to her husband's death in 1869, one finds very few references, in the available public records, to indicate the scope of Mrs. Redpath's activities. Ladies of those days shunned publicity, centring even philanthropic work in their own homes. It is known that in 1861 she established a scholarship which is still given annually at McGill University, called the Jane Redpath Exhibition, but other than this there is very little. Therefore, it is to private sources, and to members of the family, that one must go to learn of Mrs. Redpath, whose interests ranged from the Church, Missions and Social Welfare, to the arts, education, and improvement in the status of women.

She was born Jane Drummond, in Edinburgh, Scotland, in the year 1816, and there she spent the early part of her life. As a young girl, she came to Upper Canada for a visit at the home of a relative, Robert Drummond, who, under Colonel John By, was helping to direct the construction of the Rideau Canal System. It was here that she met two gentlemen from Montreal, both engaged in executing important contracts for the canal builders. They were the Honourable Thomas Mackay, and his partner, an attractive widower in his middle thirties, and father of seven children, John Redpath. The courtship was brief, and in 1832 the marriage of Jane Drummond to

John Redpath took place. A portrait painted at the time, which now hangs in Redpath Hall of McGill University, is lasting evidence of Mrs. Redpath's radiant beauty as a young woman.

Considering the age in which she lived, Mrs. Redpath might have devoted herself exclusively to her husband, the ten children to whom she gave birth, and to Terrace Bank, the Redpath mansion, but such was not the case. This small, dignified and gracious woman had an uncompromising attitude toward truth, combined with a deep sense of responsibility for others. Because of this she shared, all through her married life, in her husband's interests, especially those of a religious and charitable nature. Therefore, if one is to see the part she played in the Church and Community life of Montreal during these years, one must follow the career of John Redpath.

Born in Earlston, Scotland, about 1796, and trained as a refiner of sugar, John Redpath came to Montreal in 1816. Shortly afterwards he built and opened the Redpath Sugar Refinery. This was the first such enterprise in Canada, and the venture which laid the foundations for the family fortunes. Success followed success. Before long he owned two shipping companies, one operating on the St. Lawrence River, and the other on the Ottawa River. He next turned his attention to the country's natural resources, developing slate, copper, and iron mines in various places, as well as coal mines in Nova Scotia. He was also an organizer and president of the Montreal Telegraph Company, and a director and vice-president of the Bank of Montreal. As his business prospered and his wealth increased, he assumed many civic duties, including that of alderman. Always a religious man, he took his responsibilities seriously and, as an elder in the Presbyterian Church, he was an example to many. He organized, and largely supported, the Protestant Home of Industry and Refuge; he was Chairman of the Board of Montreal General Hospital; and first President of the Mechanics Institute.

A great believer in education, he subscribed generously to McGill, and also to the Presbyterian College of Montreal, which he, along with Sir William Dawson, helped to organize. In all this he was supported by Mrs. Redpath. Early in his career, he became interested in the French Canadians, many of whom he employed. Convinced they should be given the opportunity of hearing the word of God in all its purity, he and other members of the Protestant churches organized the French Canadian Missionary Society in 1839. For a time he was its President.

Mrs. Redpath also shared her husband's enthusiasm, working both to convert and to supply the physical needs of French Protestants in distress. And there were many of these, because to leave the Roman Catholic Church meant separation from friends, and even family, as well as loss of employment in certain cases. In spite of this however, there was a surprising number who, for reasons of conscience, followed the reformed teaching. The French Canadian Missionary Society accomplished a great deal and, in a very real sense, prepared the way for Father Chinequay. This converted priest, through his writings and fiery preaching, had a tremendous influence upon the French Canadians, and during the 1860's, and later, he was responsible for leading thousands away from their old faith.

Happy though the Protestants might be over this turn of events, it nevertheless created real problems. The new converts had merely taken the first step, and they needed instruction in the Scriptures. To supply this, schools were opened in several of the Churches. What is more, if these French Protestants were to continue to live in Montreal, surrounded by hostile Roman Catholics, who felt it a duty to persecute their former brethren, they had to be helped physically.

It was as a result of this situation that some Presbyterian women banded together in 1864 to form the Ladies Auxiliary Association of the Church of Scotland. Probably Mrs. Redpath would have been the leader of this group had it not been for the fact that, in 1843, when the Disruption took place, she and her husband, convinced that the Church of Scotland was wrong, left St. Paul's Church and joined the Free Church of Scotland, which later became the Canada Presbyterian Church. Still, in spite of this difference of opinion, the Redpaths were very involved in the whole matter — Côte Street Church and St. Joseph Street Church, both built largely by Mr. Redpath after the Disruption, being important centres for the French converts.

Moving on into the 1870's, one finds that the attitude toward women was beginning to change. Some people were even admitting that they should be allowed to have more education, and greater freedom of action. In Montreal, an organization known as the Ladies' Educational Association, of which Mrs. Redpath was President, had succeeded in persuading the McGill authorities to permit certain women to sit-in on some of the University Lectures, and to write the same examinations as the men. And this is but one example of the trend at that time.

Even in the Church, women had come a long way since 1864. Their capable handling of the relief work among the French Protestants had gained them the respect and confidence of the men. Consequently, when the newly-formed Presbyterian Church in Canada was confronted by a similar situation in 1875, the General Assembly had no hesitation in asking the women for help. The result was the formation of the Ladies' French Evangelization Society, with Mrs. John Redpath as President. In one sense, Mrs. Redpath and her group did not introduce much that was entirely new, for their programme was an extension and development of work begun years earlier. The special significance of this Society lay in the fact that it was the first organization composed entirely of women, to be set up by the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Thus began a new chapter in the history of the present day Women's Missionary Society (W.D.).

In 1876, volume one of the Presbyterian Record published a letter, over the signatures of Mrs. John Redpath and Miss H. M. Gordon. It outlined the plans of the Society, and then concluded with an appeal to Presbyterians across the Dominion to rally to the support of this worthy cause. The voice of women was heard officially for the first time in the Church, testifying to the dawn of a new age.

As Mrs. Redpath became older, she tended increasingly to centre her activities in Terrace Bank. Always a gracious hostess, she continued to surround herself with relatives of all ages, and friends from many parts of the world. Missionaries always received a special welcome, and many persons on furlough from the Orient and other areas enjoyed her hospitality. During these visits there was usually a meeting at which the Missionary spoke of his work to a select group of Church members and Clergy. Any of the grandchildren, who might be staying at Terrace Bank, were also expected to take part in the programme.

A granddaughter of Mrs. Redpath, recalling childhood days, went on to explain . . . "We were lined up by a Nanny, and marched into the drawing room, where, under the admiring eyes of Grandmother, we would sing something appropriate, such as 'From Greenland's icey mountains'. Then we would be ushered out and as a reward, given tea cakes and sometimes lemonade."

One afternoon, there was a particularly large meeting, and, as usual, the children were called upon to perform. Encouraged by thoughts of iced goodies, they sang lustily. When they had finished, however, instead of receiving the usual treat, they were told to play either in the nursery, or in the garden, so as not to disturb the adults. Disappointed and resentful at this turn of events, they marched down the driveway to the Sherbrooke Street gates to plot revenge, singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" as they went. They were soon ready. "As the guests began to leave, we hid behind trees and shrubs and, from this position of safety, pelted them with small pebbles, to the accompaniment of a lively little song which went something like this:

If I met a missionary
  On the plains of Timbuktu,
I would eat that missionary
  And his prayers and hymnbook too!

"Of course, one of the missionaries, who lacked a sense of humor, went back to the house and told Grandmother. We were summoned into her presence, where we received stern Presbyterian justice. That is one Missionary Meeting we never forgot."

Mrs. Redpath's long and useful life came to an end on January 30, 1907. For seventy-five years, she had wielded a tremendous influence on those around her, and her passing was like the passing of an era.

CORRECTIONS

In the "Anniversary Corner" in January 1963 it was stated that "St. Andrew's, Aylmer East" was organized in 1888; this should have read 1885.

In the February issue, in regard to the notes about British Columbia, it was stated "The Synodical Society of British Columbia was organized in 1947" — this should read "The British Columbia Provincial changed its name to Synodical in 1947". It was stated in the previous paragraph that "the British Columbia Provincial was organized in 1914".

We would also note that Kootenay Presbyterial was organized in 1913.

Readers will realize that it is impossible, in such articles as these, to include the dates of organization of all the early Presbyterials; only a few have been noted as examples.

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CANADIAN FAMILIES WHO GO ABROAD TO LIVE

by (MRS. FRANK) BETTY WESTON

(Increasing numbers of Canadians live abroad these days — in foreign business subsidiaries; in Government service; in education, as well as in Missionary enterprises. Many are Christians. Some are Presbyterians. What sort of Church life can they have in foreign countries? Frank and Betty Weston are Canadian Presbyterians living in Tokyo. Frank works for Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing (3 M) here. Betty is a former member of Central Presbyterian Church, Brantford, Ontario; an earnest and well-informed W.M.S. member, and a good representative of the W.M.S. in Women's Work in Japan. We asked her to write down a few notes of their experiences in this regard. The Rev. C. Roger Talbot, Tokyo, Japan.)

Where does a Canadian Christian family, who live in a foreign country, find a Church in which to worship, and where they can participate in the Fellowship?

Well, in Tokyo, we found that there are several Christian Churches, where services are held in English. There are others in German, Chinese, and Korean, also. In some of these, the congregation is largely Missionary families, who work in Japanese Churches, or teach in Japanese schools, but who also like to worship together in their own language, and in the form to which they are accustomed. Some of these Churches do not have a full-time Pastor. Services are conducted by the Missionaries, in turn. However, in Tokyo, St. Alban's Episcopal, and Tokyo Union Church, are two Churches which do have full-time Pastors, and are self-supporting. Their members are composed of business people, members of Diplomatic staffs, members of U. S. Forces stationed in Japan, and Missionaries — altogether, more than a dozen Nationalities are represented.

Our Church is Tokyo Union Church. In a way, it is unusual, compared to Churches back home. First of all, people are always coming and going. There is an annual turn-over of 25% of the congregation, or more. But, on the other hand, there is an unusually large number of able, willing people. Several of the Elders are ordained Ministers. With this kind of talent available, the Church is able to provide programmes with good Leadership, to strengthen the spiritual life of the members.

For instance, during Lent, for a series of five Wednesday evenings, meetings were held in homes in different areas of the City. Groups of ten to twenty gather for discussions on the theme, "Christianity; Does It Make Any Difference?" A Leader opens the discussion, and may provide some direction, but he rarely needs to stimulate it. There may be periods of silence, as we ponder and absorb what has been said, before continuing. In the past, these kind of meetings have proved so helpful that Groups continue to meet after the series has ended.

The members of Tokyo Union Church have an Outreach Programme. Among other things, this year, we have provided funds for two Conferences of Japanese Pastors. Many of these Pastors do not have funds for travel. Only those who have worked alone, under difficulties, can know what it means to these men to be able to meet and talk with others, who have the same life and work.

The origins of Tokyo Union Church date back at least to the year 1872, in the first foreign settlement in Tokyo, where foreigners lived in compulsory seclusion. The story is told of a young Japanese, who was invited by a friend, to "go and see a strange spectacle, which could be seen free of charge, in a building where a bearded foreigner stood on a high place and waved his arms". This young man later became a Leader in the Japanese Church. The largest Japanese Protestant Church, the United Church of Christ, is, of course, an independent, self-sustaining Church, with about 185,000 members and 1600 congregations. Altogether, there are about 742,000 Christians in Japan.

We have learned that the growth of the Japanese Church is slow — not compared to our own Churches' growth, but in relation to the total population. Traditionally, Oriental people seem to look at religion differently than we do — many claim membership in two religions. The most common set of religious observances is Shinto. The prevalent religious thought is Buddhism. It is linked to their culture, as Christianity is to ours. Many Japanese, like many Westerners, live their lives indifferent to religion. The Parable of the Sower applies only too well. But some seed *does* fall on good ground, and it produces splendid fruit.

As you know, our Church in Canada works with a special group in Japan — the Korean residents. One day, we visited Tokyo Korean Church. It stands on a hill, in a residential area in central Tokyo. This is the centre of the work of one of the Missionaries of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. To attend service in this Church, hear the singing, feel the joy and good-will of the congregation, is a wonderful experience.

For many Koreans, life in Japan is not easy. Japanese do not like to, and often will not, work with Koreans. To the Westerner, who cannot see any difference, this is hard to understand. This means that the work of the Korean Church goes on under serious financial obstacles. The Pastors of the Korean Church set the example for the wonderful spirit of their people. They show a devotion which puts most of us to shame.

Our Missionaries must usually work alone, trying to live and to tell, the Good News of Christianity, in a foreign language. They deserve our prayers, our support, and our respect. Especially, they must be made to feel that they are *not* alone, but that there are many others who are keenly interested in what they are doing.

This is the Easter Season. We hear the Choir sing, "I know that my Redeemer liveth"; and we sing, "Christ, the Lord, is Risen Today". But if the Resurrected Christ is to be known in Japan, or in any of the other countries around the rim of Asia, the making-known cannot be done by Missionaries alone. Whether he wishes it or not, every foreign visitor is considered a Christian, and bears a witness to Christianity. Christianity is judged, not on what the Misisonary *says,* but on what the businessman, tourist, or the Diplomat, *does.*

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STAFF NEWS

Overseas

Members of the Society will want to express sympathy to *Miss Elsie Taylor, Reg.N.,* whose twin brother died in early January in Rhodesia. Miss Taylor went to Nigeria this past autumn and is serving in Presbyterian Hospital, Uburu, (Via Afikpo), Eastern Nigeria, West Africa.

We are glad to know that *Mrs. Mildred Gehman, Reg.N., M.A.,* has almost completely recovered from her serious illness last summer. She has been back on full time service on the staff of School of Nursing, Christian Medical Hospital, Vellore, South India.

Miss Pauline Brown, Reg.N., is home on furlough from the Bhil field, India. She has been quite ill. The first months of her furlough will be spent recovering her health. She will be at her home in Ottawa.

National

Miss Grace Lee has returned to Victoria following her study furlough in Hong Kong. She resumed her duties in the Chinese Mission, Victoria, on March 1st.

Miss Gee Bun Lee has resigned from our National staff for health reasons. Miss Lee served faithfully in our Toronto Chinese work for eight years and it was with deep regret that we bade farewell to her.

WHY A CHINESE CHURCH?

by MARGARET NEAR, M.A.

Is the Chinese Church necessary? Would it not be possible for the Chinese people, who attend it, to attend an English-speaking church? This is a question that is asked of Chinese Christians, and of those who are involved in the work of the Chinese Church. It is a question that is rightfully asked, and which deserves careful consideration. The same question may be asked of any ethnic congregation. At the same time, however, no generalities can be drawn from the study of any one congregation. Each must be judged on its own mission and how this is to be carried out.

This Chinese Church is necessary to the extension of Christ's Kingdom in this land. Who knows but that it may be used in the future, as it was in the past, for the extension of the Kingdom in other parts of the globe. It is necessary, firstly, because from the standpoint of language alone, almost half of our present congregation knows only a small amount of English. Of the remainder, half have only a fair skill and could not follow an English sermon, or read the Scriptures in English, with understanding. For these people, then, a Chinese-language service is a necessity. From the standpoint of evangelism, the community which is the main target of outreach is also a non-English-speaking community, which cannot be brought to the church, to faith in Christ, unless there is a service for them in their own language.

Yet language is only the outward manifestation of a culture, a way of life that is different from the Canadian community. Though the Chinese are now resident in Canada, they hold the thought-patterns, and modes of thinking, of the land of their birth and education. When one speaks to a group of newly-baptized Chinese Christians about stewardship, not only is the word different, but also the concept itself has no meaning to people who had been accustomed to offer a few sausage, and several sticks of joss to an idol, in times of special need, before they became Christians. The differences in culture, the understanding of those things in their background, which contradict, or which are similar to Christian teachings, must be taken into account in the proclamation of the Gospel, to enable the Christian to grow in the faith. Thus the presentation, though not the message, must be fitted to those to whom it is preached.

The membership of the Chinese Church is, at the moment, made up almost completely of immigrant people. The older generation of Chinese men, in particular, though they have lived in Canada for the past forty or fifty years, did not, until the arrival of the recent immigrants, regard the land as home. They continually looked to China, and life was oriented on this basis. The majority were strangers in a strange land, many still are, or worse, know the surface but not the heart of the nation and the Christian faith. The majority of the women and the young people are immigrants, within the past twelve years. Because, then, they are immigrants, there are concerns that have been peculiar to them:—learning a language, adapting to western customs, establishing a new home, finding jobs, winning status in Chinese and Canadian communities. Though one may say these have little or nothing to do with the Christian Gospel, yet, at the same time, these factors have been points of contact, needs to which the Christian Gospel has something to say. These factors have, for some, hindered, even prevented, the hearing of the Gospel. For others, they have been the means of opening minds and hearts to Christ. They have made some Christians more devout, caused others to become disheartened. The Christian Gospel, the fellowship of Christians in the church, who share similar problems, who have faced such problems and conquered, have enabled men and women to find eternal values, and build their future on a Christian foundation. Inasmuch as the Chinese Church is a source of help to these people in their times of need, and a place of comfort and consolation in times of stress, it is necessary to its immigrant peoples, because only an ethnic church can be aware of the particular needs of the immigrant peoples.

Several months ago, at a conference of Overseas Chinese University students, they confessed that they did not feel at home in the Canadian Church. This may be interpreted as both a failure on the part of the Canadian Church, and a confession of need. Since the students at the conference were Christians, who had been part of both Canadian and Chinese churches, both here and overseas, their judgment was not made in ignorance, nor in anger. They spoke as young people already committed to Jesus Christ. We need to be more genuine, more open-hearted in the welcome we give all who are strangers in our midst, that they may feel a oneness with us in Christian fellowship. But we may also need to accept that some students, at least, may feel more at home among Christians of their own ethnic background.

A Chinese-American sociologist said that the second generation of Chinese-Americans is Americanized by society, but not wholly accepted by that society, while, at the same time, it is so westernized that it is not able to feel at home with Chinese. One of the encouraging things that has happened since our Toronto congregation moved into its new church has been the interest and active concern of a number of second-generation young women who came to the church and said, “We want to be connected with

Chinatown, but with that part which to us represents the best — the Church." They have, I feel, found their place in the Canadian society, and are successfully making themselves at one with the first generation of immigrants. Where the second generation has shown a love and respect for the immigrant generation, they have gained respect in return.

Rev. Edward Lee of Oakland, California, at the second National Conference on Christian Work among the Chinese, speaking of the future of the exclusively Chinese Churches in America, sees the firm, and deeply-rooted, hold of the family and clan system among the Chinese as resulting in the continuation of the Chinese Church in the future. "The Chinese people in America and Canada have always felt that their forbears represent a great distinctive civilization and culture, and have consciously and unconsciously, worked for its preservation. The customs, mores, and language, have been more diligently perpetuated, perhaps, than that of any other racial group in America."

It must be admitted that there is a strong community feeling among the Chinese people of all generations. Because this community spirit is so deeply imbedded among the Chinese, its existence could be the inspiration of a ministry not only to the Chinese-speaking Canadians, but also to English-speaking Canadians, of Chinese descent. Certainly there are many English-speaking Chinese-Canadians who are not Christians. Yet, though this community spirit may draw the Chinese to the church, they are, at the same time, moving to homes in every section of the metropolitan area, and the Church will become more a typical Downtown Church, and less a community church. This will certainly lay certain stresses on the ministry of the Church. However, the English-speaking ministry will not, in the foreseeable future, replace the Chinese-speaking ministry. This could only happen if future immigration were cut off completely and then only after fifty years had passed.

As the Chinese Churches move toward self-support, a goal which seems within the future reach of our Toronto congregation, it is well to remember that there are Chinese Churches established many years which have not, probably will not, become self-supporting. The danger that I fear is that, having reached that goal, they may become like the rich man in the parable, with his barns full and saying to his soul, "Take thy ease, eat, drink and be merry."

The Chinese Church must take its place among its sister Churches in Canada. It desires to do so, in full acceptance, not as a poor relative, but as a younger member of the family. For it must be remembered that it does bring to the Canadian scene, the tradition and concerns of the younger Churches.

The United Presbyterian Church, in San Francisco's Chinatown, about three years ago changed its name from the Chinese Presbyterian Church to the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown. The change is slight, yet it shows a recognition of a ministry to Chinatown, but not necessarily only to Chinese people. This responsibility of the Church to preach the Gospel not only in Jerusalem, but also in Judea, Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the world, is not just the task of the so-called "Canadian" church, but also the task of the Chinese Church, and any other ethnic Church.

The mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people, yet the Chinese Church is, by its nature, best equipped to carry out this mission to the Chinese people. In so doing, it acts in the name of the whole Church. The appointment by the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of workers to the Chinese Churches, the General Board of Missions' support of its Ministry, gives concrete witness to this concern of the whole Church. Yet, in the mission of its sister Churches to those of other nationalities, the Chinese Churches should be counted among those who share in it, through their support of the budget of the Church, and through their prayers for the spread of the Gospel wherever it is preached.

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Your Prayers are asked

—For the work of the Korean Christian Church in Japan:— pray that the leaders in this Church may continue to have the strength of the Holy Spirit, as they face the problems and the opportunities of this day.

—That the Society and Church may be guided to find missionaries, who would serve in the Korean Christian Church in Japan.

—That the Easter Message, and the humbling sacrifice of Christ on the Cross, will bring to each National Missionary, throughout our Society, a daily reality of the strength that is their's; a power that God will accept in His love, if they will renew their vows to Him, Who taught us how to live and serve.

—For all members of W.M.S. groups that, as they study the lands on the Rim of East Asia, they may realize anew what the message of Easter means for those lands, and for the whole world.

—For the women who come together in church groups all around the world, that each may realize the Christian fellowship that exists, and strive together to witness to the Risen Lord.

In Remembrance

Name	Church	Presbyterial
Mrs. Robert Walker	St. Paul's, Thornbury	Barrie
Mrs. Norman Brown	Knox, Leamington	Chatham
Mrs. Christena MacKinnon	Gordon, St. Elmo	Glengarry
Mrs. J. E. Pearen	Presbyterian, Rockwood	Guelph
Mrs. E. D. McPhedran	Presbyterian, Rockwood	Guelph
Mrs. J. J. Weller	Southgate, Hamilton	Hamilton
Mrs. E. Horseley	Southgate, Hamilton	Hamilton
Mrs. M. Hindle	Knox, Hamilton	Hamilton
Miss M. McKay	Knox, Hamilton	Hamilton
Mrs. Lillian Snider	St. Andrew's, Clinton	Huron
Mrs. W. T. Brown	St. Peter's, Madoc	Kingston
Mrs. Wm. Case	Knox, Teeswater	Maitland
Mrs. E. V. Wahn	St. Andrew's, Swift Current	Moose Jaw
Miss Mabel Forsythe	Presbyterian, St. David's	Niagara
Mrs. James R. Woodruff	Presbyterian, St. David's	Niagara
Mrs. Catharine Cook	St. Andrew's, St. Catharines	Niagara
Mrs. James Malcolm	St. Paul's, Ingersoll	Niagara
Mrs. R. Frame	Knox, Stratford	Stratford
Mrs. W. Hardie Cleland	Central, Atwood	Stratford
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Mrs. James Wilson	Presbyterian, Boston	West Toronto

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Easter Service of Worship

Arranged by (Mrs. Donald) Keitha M. MacInnes,
President, Hamilton & London Synodical

(Mrs. MacInnes is the wife of the Rev. Donald MacInnes, B.Th., Minister of Mount Zion Presbyterian Church, Ridgetown, Ont.)

"For I know that my Redeemer liveth and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth." Job 19: 25.

"Glad Easter unto Easter
  Its own blest radiance gives,
And shining ranks of festivals
  Repeat the cry, He Lives."

Hymn No. 216 — "The Strife is O'er, The Battle Done:" — (5 verses).

Prayer . . . . O Lord, we would adore Thee as the Resurrection and the Life. Too often we have sought the living among the dead, expecting words and forms to furnish Him who could not be holden of death. Give Thine angels charge to warn us from the empty sepulchre, that we may find Thee risen indeed, and alive forevermore.

We worship Thee because Thou didst rise triumphant, to enter into perfect life to which death is but a portal. We thank Thee for all those infallible proofs by which Thou didst vanquish the doubts of Thy disciples, until they were ready, when need came, to die for Thee.

In the power of Thy Resurrection may we conquer all sin and sorrow today, and be made more than conquerors at last. We ask it for Thy name's sake. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING — John 20: 1-18

Leader—The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

Group—Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, they have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.

Leader—Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.

Group—So they ran both together; and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.

Leader—And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying, yet went he not in.

Group—Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre and seeth the linen clothes lie.

Leader—And the napkin that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.

Group—Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.

Leader—For as yet they knew not the Scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.

Group—Then the disciples went away unto their own home.

Leader—But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down and looked into the sepulchre.

Group—And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had laid.

Leader—And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

Group—And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

Leader—Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

Group—Jesus saith unto her, Mary, she turned herself and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

Leader—Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father, but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God and your God.

Group—Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

Hymn No. 215 — "Jesus Christ is risen today, Hallelujah!" — (4 verses).

Meditation . . . . Our Lord's Cross is the gateway into His life. His resurrection means that He has power now to convey His life to us.

In that graphic record in St. John's Gospel we see how early followers of Jesus gained that new life in Him on the first Resurrection morning. Take the case of Mary—

Calvary was finished; the burial was completed; the guard was placed; and now it was the Sabbath and all was quiet in Joseph's garden. The brave women who aided in the hasty committal of His body to its resting place in the sepulchre, rested in their homes that day.

Early when it was yet dark, they set out for the sepulchre that they might be there at the first flash of dawn. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, moved towards the spot where their hearts had been all through the Sabbath.

To their surprise, they discovered, when they arrived, that the stone that sealed the grave had been rolled away. They did not try to find the guards, or to investigate the interior, but Mary hurried away to Peter and John and told them of their discovery.

She returned to weep at the tomb, as if that was all she could do. Her love for her Master bound her to the place. When angels are needed God sends them, and this was no exception. They say unto her, "Woman, why weepest thou?" She told them the story as she had told it to Peter and John.

Then the great moment dawned. Turning about she found herself face to face with Jesus. At first, she did not know Him in His body of His Glory. But as He spoke she knew Him. She found a new life in His Resurrection; she heard the words of His destiny: "I ascend unto my Father, and your Father, and to My God and your God."

"Golgotha gave the world her SUMMIT and Joseph's Garden our Eternal HOPE."

Solo (If desired) — "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth."

Offering . . . .

Offertory prayer . . . . Our Heavenly Father wilt Thou accept these gifts which we now present to Thee. May they be used for the extending of Thy Kingdom. This we ask in the name of Thy Risen Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Closing Hymn No. 223 — "Rejoice The Lord is King."

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ARE YOU WILLING?

To close your book of complaints, and open the book of praise?

To believe that other men are quite as sincere as you are, and to treat them with respect?

To ignore what life owes you, and to think about what you owe life?

To stop looking for friendship, and to start being friendly?

To be content with such things as you have, and to stop whining about things you have not?

To enjoy the simplest things of life, and cease striving for the artificial pleasures of the day?

To forget what you have done for others, and meditate on what others have done for you?

To cease looking for someone to help you, and to start looking for whom you may help?

To consecrate your life to the service of an imperfect church, and to remember that Christ chose twelve imperfect men to be His first disciples?

(From the Church Calendar of Westminster-By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church, Daytona Beach, Florida)

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AN AFRICAN CHILD'S PRAYER

"O Thou Great Chief, light a candle within our hearts, that we may see what is therein, and sweep the rubbish from Thy dwelling place."

(The prayer of an African schoolgirl). Selected.

As One Who Serves . . . in a local W.M.S. group

(Note:—The thoughts on this subject in this article have been expressed by representative members of Women's groups (both Auxiliaries and Affiliated) including — Mrs. F. M. Glazier, Tisdale, Saskatchewan; Mrs. W. A. Wilson, Regina, Saskatchewan; Mrs. R. W. Stevens, Toronto, Ontario; Mrs. G. A. Cunningham, Rocky Mountain House, Alberta.)

The Adult Work Committee of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., in planning the series which begins in this issue, has asked a number of representative women to express their thoughts as to the channel of service open to women in the Women's Missionary Society. The following is a brief summary of some thoughts expressed in regard to how a woman may serve God, and her fellowmen, by being a member of a local W.M.S. group.

Preparing for service—First of all the programme of a local W.M.S. group, if properly carried out, helps prepare a woman for service. The member will herself be the first to benefit. The Christian fellowship, worship and study, offered will give her a much richer, fuller life. She will be anxious to serve her fellowmen, in a manner of which she was not aware before. By her link from local group to regional, to national and international, she gains a finer conception of the church as a worldwide fellowship. Her vision is broader—her knowledge is greater. She knows what her church is doing in Canada and Overseas. Timely study material keeps her informed of lands prominent in world affairs, and the Christian Church in those lands. For these reasons she can be a better witness for Christ in her own church and community.

Varying talents can be used in the various opportunities offered for service.

The ways to serve in any congregation are limitless. In a W.M.S. group, a woman learns of the needs in the local church, as they arise. There is a place for all types of talent, on the executive of a W.M.S. group. Women with executive ability, reporter, visitor, seamstress, librarian, magazine saleswoman, the canvasser — all are needed to work in His name.

Within the local congregation—Concern for children and teenagers within C.O.C., Explorers, C.G.I.T., and other children's and girls' groups within the W.M.S. Family, lead women to further concern for the work of the Church School, and their own study should lead them to be willing to give their service as leaders and teachers, helping to give to children an awareness of the wonder and beauty which is theirs, when they live a full life in Christ.

Within the community — Because the W.M.S. programme makes us look beyond ourselves to the needs of others, it should always be possible to count upon a member of a W.M.S. group to assist in her community in any worthwhile effort.

The problems of our neighbours are brought to our knowledge through group members, and opportunities of how we can serve them become known. Welcoming newcomers, regardless of church affiliation; keeping small children, to allow a young mother to participate in community and church activities, or just to allow her to relax, away from the noise and confusion of the wee ones. A sick neighbour may need a helping hand; a lonely, aged person a friendly visit, a cup of tea, and a car ride. The World Day of Prayer Services, held jointly by Protestant denominations in most communities, are a wonderful means of sharing our Christian faith in a time of prayer and worship. The offerings go beyond the community, to provide Christian Literature in all parts of the world.

Beyond the local congregation and community

Study of the worldwide mission of the Church gives a better understanding of the problems of others, and how best the Church can meet that need. Through the combined efforts of local groups across the Dominion, our strength and gifts can do much in providing specialized training to those who are willing to serve, and in supplying the necessary tools. Look at the Estimates! All this can be accomplished when each one does her part. The giving of our substance enables us to serve, through our representatives, where we can never go.

Let us never underestimate the things we can do, and give freely. The opportunities are limitless. The smile, the word of encouragement, a handshake, an invitation to worship, to come with you to a meeting, may just be what someone needs. Let us give more of ourselves, our time, our talents, and energies, that others may come to know Him and thus fulfil our Christian vows.

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PETITION

God grant that I may never be
A scoffer at Eternity,
As long as every April brings
The sweet rebirth of growing
things!" (World Evangel)

These Were Greatly Honoured!

(Miss Hermanson and Mrs. Dickson are behind Madame Chiang Kai-Shek)

THE FIRST TWO FOREIGNERS TO BE HONOURED IN THIS WAY!

In a recent act of the Government of the City of Taipei, Formosa, two members of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission were highly honoured. (These two Western Missionaries were among the 70 persons selected by the "Committee on Good People and Good Deeds" this year — both are veterans of decades of service in Taiwan.) Each year, it is the custom of the City to select a number of men and women who have greatly contributed to the life and progress of the community. This year, for the first time, two foreigners were included, both Missionaries of the Canadian Presbyterian Church — Miss Hildur K. Hermanson and Mrs. James Dickson. Those selected for recognition included about 60 men and 10 women — soldiers, police, teachers, non-professional citizens, and the two Missionaries. They ranged from two 11-year-old boys to a 93-year-old man, all of whom had promoted interest in community life, and helped to raise the community standards.

Those who received the honour were interviewed by many newspapers; were on the radio; and appeared on television. They were entertained at dinner by the Mayor of Tapei. In addition, the ten ladies were presented to Madame Chiang Kai-shek, when they were addressed by her. On December 18, at a Mass Assembly in Tapei City Hall, the citizens were officially honoured; heard an Address from President Chiang Kai-shek; and were presented with scrolls, plaques, medals, and other gifts, in a truly Chinese ceremony.

Both Missionaries were selected on account of their long and dedicated service to the people of Formosa. Mrs. Dickson was chosen, especially, for her work in rehabilitating many homeless children, who were potential delinquents, and for her T.B. Sanatorium for Mountain (Aboriginal) People. Also mentioned was her work in treating the Blackfoot disease, and the Doctor, who worked with her, was also honoured on this occasion for his work. Mrs. Dickson was also recognized for her Orphanages, especially for the children of parents with leprosy.

Miss Hermanson was honoured particularly on account of her work among the Mountain People of Formosa — conducting Clinics, giving health teaching, and assisting in raising the standards of living of the Mountain People. Also mentioned was her visit to the Chinese soldiers stationed on Kinnen Island. Miss Hermanson was honoured, also, because of her many years of work among the Formosan (Chinese) people, in Mackay Memorial Hospital, and in teaching preventative medicine, hygiene, child care, and nutrition, throughout the Island.

It is most significant that the first two foreigners to be honoured in this way, should be two Senior Missionaries from the Church which first took the Gospel to North Formosa, and which has, for over 90 years, contributed not only to the life of the Presbyterian Church of Formosa, but also to the lives of many outside of it.

(Sent to us by the Rev. Murray L. Garvin, B.A., Publicity Chairman, Canadian Committee of the Mission Council, Presbyterian Church of Formosa.)

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EASTER CAROL

Once more to new creation
Awake, and death gainsay,
For death is swallowed up in life
And Christ is risen today!

TYPICAL OF
HILDUR HERMANSON'S WORK!

Mountain Women Receive Gifts During Meeting

(This account was written by a special Reporter, who accompanied the Missionaries on this trip to the Aborigine Village of Sharp Rock, and it appeared in "The T.C.S. Monitor", a small newspaper printed in Taipei, Taiwan, Free China, which bears the sub-heading, "The Voice of Taiwan Christian Service". It is published by the Co-ordinating Agency of Protestant Relief Work in the Island of Taiwan, and is affiliated with Church World Service, and The World Council of Churches.)

To three aborigine families, the layettes must have seemed as though their prayers had been anticipated! Fire took their homes, and all their possessions, the day Miss Hildur K. Hermanson opened a Conference of Christian women in Sharp Rock, an aborigine village. In attendance were 69 women, from eight surrounding mountain hamlets. Because there was no transportation, many of them had walked a full day to be present for the 2-day session.

Miss Hermanson considered the Conference an excellent opportunity to distribute the layettes she had been allocated. For the last 10 years she has been engaged in preventive medicine among the mountain tribesmen. She has served as midwife, doctored the sick, conducted cooking demonstrations, served as a peripetitic pharmacy, and even taught women how to wash fragile clothing without damage. Against this background, Miss Hermanson saw in the layettes an opportunity to emphasize washing infants.

Mothers who received layettes in Sharp Rock brought their children along. The infants were stripped and bathed right at the distribution point, which happened to be the home of a church elder. At the same time, the nurse took the opportunity to check the children for sores, lice, or signs of illness. Those needing treatment, received it before they were dressed.

By observing the distribution at Sharp Rock, conferees learned the technique Miss Hermanson wanted followed, when they returned to their own villages to distribute the layettes, with which they were entrusted. Before the women departed, however, they learned of the fire which had left three families homeless. Infant clothing was dispatched almost by the time the dazed families realized they needed it!

"THINE IS THE GLORY"

(Adapted from "Thine Is The Glory", by Miss Margaret MacNaughton,
in "The Torch", Easter, 1957)

Easter Projects — It didn't take long last October for your Group to decide to have "something special" for Easter. The problem of how to *make* Easter "something special" was left for a much later date. Now it is time for preparations for an Easter project that will truly reflect the depth and joy of the Christian faith in the living Lord.

Preparation — Read again the Easter Story, as you find it in the Gospels, and the early chapters of the Acts. You will find that Phillips' translation of Acts, *The YOUNG Church in Action,* is especially helpful. (It comes in pocket book form.) Try to capture the changing moods of the friends of Jesus, as they witnessed His trial, death, and resurrection. Think about that vigorous group of Christians who formed the first Christian Church, and who were bursting with a desire to tell of the good news. Then pause and think "how does the Easter message of God's love and redemption relate to me and to the girls in our C.G.I.T.?"

Every C.G.I.T. project should be chosen and planned by the Group, but be sure to ask your Leader for her many ideas. Start thinking about Easter very early. About a month before, arrange in your meeting room some prints of the paintings of Passion week and the Resurrection. Display symbols associated with Easter. Some girls could bring the symbols to represent the Christian faith, such as the cross, lily, fish, chalice, and dove. Other girls could bring objects or pictures to represent the customs that have been associated with Easter. Your Executive, or Programme Committee, could draw up a list of questions, then ask each girl to number them in order of her preference. Your list may include some of the following questions: "Where did the custom of Easter Eggs originate? Is it right for Christians to get all dressed up for the Easter Parade? Which is more important, Easter or Christmas? What happens when we die? Did Jesus have to die? Is it necessary for Christians to make a sacrifice? How many symbols of the Christian faith are in our Church? What great music is based on the Easter story? I would like our Easter project to include . . . "

Your Group may choose just one activity for your Easter project. Or you may choose two, dividing into groups according to your varying interests. Here, in brief, is a description of several activities that could be used in an Easter project. Some of them will take three or four meetings. Others could be adapted to either a long or short period of time.

1. *DRAMA* — Easter should turn our minds to drama, for words alone cannot adequately express all we want to say about this most dramatic event, involving God and man. Your Group may enjoy play-reading, just in your own Group. A short play might be produced for another C.G.I.T. group, a Church School Department, a Church Group, or for those who live in institutions in your community — the home for the aged, reform schools, hospitals and convalescent homes. The purpose of the play may be simply to retell the resurrection story, or it may apply to living in today's world. You may find the following suggestion helpful:—

The Living Christ at Work

Study and prepare your own dramatic interpretation of Acts, Chapters 3 and 4: 1-20. Take special note of three things: —

1. God is concerned about the whole person — our physical condition as well as our spiritual condition.
2. The story of the resurrection and the evidence that Christ is alive through the power to remake people.
3. The compulsion of people to share their Christian faith — even in the face of oppositions.

Your play could have two acts:—Act 1 — Scene 1 — A lame man is cured. Scene II — The curious crowds. Act II — Scene 1 — Peter defends his case. Scene II — Ordered to be silent. You may wish to add a third scene — Peter and John returning to their friends to tell them all that has happened, and concluding with the prayer Acts 4: 29-30. *The Young Church in Action* and the New English Bible will be of great assistance to you. This activity provides Bible study, Drama, Service to Local Church and to the Community all in one.

11. *WORSHIP* — When man is faced with the overwhelming love of God in the life and death of Jesus Christ, there is little he can say or do. He can only bow down before the living Lord, and join with other Christians, the world over, in praise and wonder. Therefore worship is, and always will be, the central activity of Easter.

(a) Worship in your Group is important, but do share also in the Easter Worship of your congregation, where young and old rejoice together. (b) Try to share (or even plan and promote) a Service of Worship with other teenagers in your community. (Such as an Easter Morning Sunrise Service with other teenage Chrisitians from all churches, followed by an Easter morning breakfast.) Here you will see more clearly the fact that we are united through one Lord, one faith, and the bonds of Christian fellowship.

(c) The whole Group, or two or three girls, may work together to prepare a guide for your private devotions during Holy Week. You will want to choose a Scripture passage for each day, from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday inclusive. The Scripture could be the incidents of Holy Week, but this is by no means necessary. One question for each day, as a guide for meditation and prayer, would be helpful. If the whole Group decides this is a helpful guide, you may want to mimeograph it and distribute it to the whole congregation. Your Minister will be glad to cooperate in this project, announce the plan, and provide an opportunity for the Group to distribute your new Devotional Guide.

III. *DISCUSSIONS* — A *Forum* is a good way to have your questions on the Christian faith discussed. Invite your Minister, a Church School teacher, and perhaps one other person, to share in the discussions. One of your Group could act as chairman to ask the questions. List all your questions, and present them to the Minister, and other Resource Leaders at least a week before the meeting. One subject will probably be sufficient for each night. You will want to allow time to ask questions of the Forum members. Your Forum questions might look something like this: —

(a) *Subject* — DEATH — Everyone wonders about death. Most people are afraid of it. Many pagan customs are associated with it. What do Christians believe about death? *Questions* — 1. What is our soul? 2. What happens to our soul when we die? 3. We know that the body decays, and yet the Bible says there will be a resurrection of the body. What about that? 4. What difference does Easter make to our attitude to life and death?

(b) *Subject* — Sacrifice — It is always difficult to understand why Christ had to die. Could He not save Himself? Did God plan for His death? If we find the right answers to these questions perhaps we shall better understand God and His plan for us. *Questions* — 1. Who is God? Who is Jesus? 8. If God loves everyone, why did He let Jesus die? 3. Some people say that all Christians must sacrifice something. Some people give away all their money. Some people give up all their entertainment. Jesus said "Deny yourself and follow me." Is it necessary for all Christians to sacrifice or something? If so, how do we know what to sacrifice? Was Jesus talking about things, when He said "Deny yourself"? What was He talking about?

EVALUATION — Your evaluation will have to wait until after Easter, but don't forget it. It could be summed up in one question: "In what way was Easter more valuable to us this year because of our Easter project?"

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

CHRIST'S ETERNAL INVITATION

By Robert Talmadge Haynes Jr.

This is a very new book, published late in January, and the Author has for the past six years, been the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, North Carolina. The six Chapters, which form this small volume, are chosen from some of the sermons he has given in his own Church during Holy Week throughout those years — they represent the devotional meditations and spiritual reflections of one such week of Worship Services, beginning with Palm Sunday and ending with Easter Sunday. Indeed, they are not so much "sermons", in the actual sense of the word, but rather a period of stimulative thinking-out of the deep and decisive meaning of all that transpired during that last week of Jesus' life on earth. They are entitled — "Jerusalem Decision"; "Saved By A Glance"; "Odd Man Out"; "The Unwanted Tap"; "The Great Divide" and "Back To The Mountain", and their format is almost like free verse. So vivid is the setting, and so clear the inner feelings of those involved, that the problems men faced so long ago, seem, after all, very like those faced in our own time, as we seek the Christian life. In terms of today's experiences and problems, all the events of that Holy Week become very real and vibrant, and one closes the book feeling an even greater need for Christ, and a renewed desire to be of service to Him. Price — $2.00.

COME TO EASTER

By Anna Laura and Edward Gebhard

"A family Lenten-Easter book of worship, activities and customs" — that is the way the publisher describes this interesting book of sixty-four pages, with its many interpretive illustrations and great variety of material, all of it worth-while — and that is truly what it is! Chapter headings are — "Lent — Springtime of the Spirit; Jesus Grows Up; Jesus, The Master Teacher; Jesus, The Comforting Friend; Jesus, Saviour and Lord; Jesus, The Suffering Lord; Christ Is Alive — Easter Is Here!". As well as the Worship Meditations, there are suggestions for all sorts of activities for the family to do together; songs to sing; games to play; a list of splendid books for family reading; prayers and Bible Readings; stories and Easter customs. This is a valuable little book both for parents and teachers, as well as for young readers. Price — paper $1.10

AND GOD WANTS PEOPLE

By Mary Lou Lacy

This is the Author who wrote the delightful Christmas booklet "Pullers of the Star" — this later book has no similarity to that one, but it is equally valuable and worth-while reading. Mrs. Lacy, herself, calls it "an experiment in understanding". Pointing out that God's great love of His people is truly the beginning pattern of all love, and that when we honestly believe this and understand the deep motivation underlying this love, then "we have no choice but to believe that, next to God, other people are all in this world that matters." This kind of love never forgets that **everyone** feels, hurts and cares, and everyone is made "in the image of God." This love for others, says Mrs. Lacy, cannot be separated from man's feelings toward his Heavenly Father. It is His assignment to those who profess love for Him, to feed His sheep, care for His children, share the sorrows of others as well as their joys, and learn to conquer grief rather than run from it. This we can carry out in every angle of our daily living, when we have ourselves experienced human understanding and really believe that "God wants people", to help Him carry on His work on earth. This is a book which could be used as a basis for personal or group devotions. Price — $2.00.

THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE KWAI

By Ernest Gordon

"Not to be confused with the book "The Bridge on the River Kwai", said the friend who recommended this book to me. "This is completely different from that one, and really a wonderful book to read, to think about, and to remember". And so it is — just that! In the first place it is based on personal experience, and the message it carries is strong and realistic. It is a book filled with exciting experiences, suspense, and dramatic interest, as one follows the young Scottish soldier through his months in a jungle prison-camp in Burma, during World War II, but the highlight of it all is the gradual spiritual awakening which came to this prideful Agnostic, as he faces-up to the realities of life, and comes to such spiritual triumph over his unbelief, that eventually he felt the call to the Christian ministry. Now, that same young man, is the Dean of the Chapel at Princeton University, where his vital Christianity is as deeply felt as it came to be among his comrades in the Burmese prison camp. This book you should read! Price — $4.35.

LITTLE BOOKS FOR EASTER GIVING!

Our Publications Department is a veritable treasure-house for those small booklets, which cost little more than an Easter Card, yet are so much more meaningful, and so very inexpensive for those small gifts most of us like to give at Easter-tide! Not only for the Sunday School teacher, who likes to have a small remembrance for each member of her class; for small neighbours, or older folk nearby; for loving Grandmothers and Aunts who always want to take some little gift along when they go visiting — or to have on hand "when the children come", but there are so many other places also where an interesting and bright little book would be warmly welcomed — for those in Nursing Homes, Hospitals, Residences, for any Shut-In or Senior Citizen, or indeed anyone who loves to find something unexpected in the mail! Most of these lovely little booklets, well written, and beautifully illustrated in colour, cost only fifteen or twenty cents apiece.

For the Little Folk, at fifteen cents, there are four good little books — two of these are "Fold 'n Colour Card Books — The Wise Men", and "The Baby Jesus", each with brightly coloured covers and a picture inside to be coloured. The other two are well-illustrated, 20-page, My Picture Story Books — "Learning from Jesus", and "Living for Jesus". The "A.B.C. Book About Jesus", costs 20 cents, but it has 29 handsomely-illustrated pages and gayly-coloured cover, which any youngster would like at once. A very attractive new one "Just Like Me" is written in verse by Wilma Swedburg, and every page is splendidly illustrated by the artist, Vera Gohman. This costs fifty cents, is most appealing, and its well-worked-out theme carries a real message.

At the same low price of twenty cents, there is a good assortment of finely-written and colourful small books which are especially nice to leave with Hospital patients, Older Folk, and Shut-Ins. These are "Precious Promises; Garden of Cheer; Victorious Christian Living; Favourite Psalms; Prelude to Prayer; Cheer Along The Way; and Know The Books of the Bible." Just the right size to go into a purse, or to tuck under a pillow — and priced at five cents — are three little blue booklets which are treasures indeed — "Daily Strength"; "Fear Not", and "Words of Comfort", as well as a slightly larger one, whose cover shows The Good Shepherd and His sheep, "My Companion For Quiet Hours". For the older children, at twenty cents each, there is a fine series of lovely little books, with Presentation Page inside the front cover, so that the names of donor and recipient can be written there. These nicely illustrated books are — "Prayer Time; Words of Cheer; What The Bible Teaches About Prayer; Portals to Bible Study; and Bible Treasures". And I must not forget to remind you again of that amazing series of tiny folded cards — lovely little miniatures of beauty and colour — which are so perfect to carry in your purse, and have handy to leave wherever you visit, as a memento of your call. These cost six cents each, and there are ten different ones in the series — "The Ten Commandments; The House of the Lord; A Bible Verse Alphabet; Favorite Bible Verses; Parables of Jesus; Words of Jesus; The Twelve Disciples; Favourite Psalms; Miracles Jesus Performed; Bible Promises."

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Boys and Girls!

ROOM IN THE ROCK

(Adapted from The Mayflower)

Mary and Philip often went to visit a garden down the road from their home. Sometimes the large iron gates in the stone wall were open. Then Mary and Philip knew that they could go into the garden, to smell the flowers and gently touch the green vines tucked in the cracks of the large rocks. They liked most of all to peek into the little room in one of the large rocks. This garden belonged to Joseph of Arimathea.

The children lived in a little clay house by the side of the dusty road. They liked to play at making garden. Mary would gather lilies that grew in the fields, and Philip liked to build a stone wall, like the one around Joseph's garden.

One day when Mary and Philip went to visit the garden, they saw a man cutting the rock in the little room.

"Why do you clip the rock?" asked Mary.

"The man who owns this garden wants to use the room for his dear friend who is very tired, and is going to rest here," answered the stone cutter.

"Who is his friend?" Mary enquired.

"Jesus of Nazareth, who went about doing good," replied the stone cutter.

"We know Jesus!" cried both children together.

"He is our friend, too," said Philip, "for only the other day he stopped to watch us play at making gardens, and he took my little brother in his arms."

"And we saw him down by the river," said Mary. "We were playing with stones. A great many people were with him. He told stories that I shall never forget."

"We were glad when we heard that he was coming to Jerusalem," said Philip, "for we wanted to see him again. A great many people ran out of the city gates to meet him. He looked like a King as he came riding on a colt. The children crowded to the roadside so that they could see him. We all sang, 'Hosanna, blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord!' We waved palm branches as he passed. Some of the children gathered lilies, and these they threw into the road before him. Everyone was glad to see him coming."

"Perhaps," said Mary thoughtfully "he went to the hill today with those who carried crosses. There was such heavy cloud that we could not see who was in the crowd. Do you think Jesus was with them?"

"Jesus was there," said the stone cutter. "and those who did not know him nailed him to a cross. His friends will soon bring him here to rest for a while in this little room."

The stone cutter stood up and shading his eyes with his hand looked down the road. "Yes," he said, "they are coming now."

Turning around, the children saw Jesus' friends carrying him gently through the garden gate. Slowly they walked up the path and laid Jesus in the little room in the rock. It seemed a long time, but then they saw the men come out of the room. They stood for a moment as if wondering what to do. Then the children saw them roll a great stone across the door of the room.

"Run to your home, little children," said the stone cutter, "and tell those who are there that Jesus is at rest."

The next day Mary and Philip thought often of Jesus, asleep in that quiet room in the rock. Then, early on the first day of the week, they hurried down the road to the garden. As they came near to the wall they heard voices. It surprised them that there should be people in the garden so early. The sun had just risen and the wet lily-buds were not yet open.

As the children walked into the garden they saw a woman. At first they thought that she was speaking with the gardener. But, no! it was Jesus, the friend of the children — Jesus of Nazareth who went about doing good! They saw that the great stone was rolled away from the door of the room in the rock. They looked in, but the room was so bright they had to close their eyes. It was like looking at the bright summer sun.

"Come on!" whispered Philip. "We must not disturb Jesus." Quietly the children slipped through the garden gate. Without speaking they walked up the road toward Jerusalem. Late in the afternoon when they were coming home they met two men walking. Jesus was with them. It was just as the stone cutter had said. Jesus had rested and now he walked with his friends again.

One day some of the friends of Jesus came to the town where Mary and Philip lived. They were telling wonderful things about Jesus.

"We were with him," they heard one of the friends of Jesus say, "and he said, 'Lo, I am with you always.' A soft cloud of mist came about him and we saw him no more."

"If Jesus has gone from you where you cannot see him, why do your eyes shine, and why are you glad?" jeered one man.

"He is with us now," said one of Jesus friends confidently. "And we will be with him forever."

The children heard, and were happy, for they knew that Jesus was with them, even to the end of the world.

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THROUGH THE SOCIETY

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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL—The Afternoon W. M. S. Auxiliary of Robertson Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* heard Mrs. G. Philps speak on "Who Is My Neighbour," at a recent Meeting, and Mrs. M. Murdock, on behalf of the Auxiliary, presented an Honorary Membership to Mrs. S. Ferguson, in recognition of her many years of faithful service in W. M. S. Work.

At the Thank-Offering Meeting of this Auxiliary, the Guest Speaker, Mrs. J. J. Middleton, recounted a full day's Programme at the W. M. S. Training Centre in *Edmonton,* and Mrs. J. Sterling was Soloist. A Life Membership Certificate was presented to Miss Jessie McKay, by Mrs. A. Hally, on behalf of the membership. Mrs. B. Gillman, of *Victoria,* was a welcome visitor.

The Rev. Harry Lennox, D.D. was Guest Speaker at the Afternoon W. M. S. Auxiliary of Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* when he also conducted the Service of Installation of 1963 Officers. Miss Janet Hatfield conducted the Devotional Period.

The Afternoon W. M. S. Auxiliary; the Margaret Creelman Affiliated Group; and the Guild, (an Associate Group); of *West Point Grey* Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* joined together for their Thank-Offering Meeting, when Miss Ann Fountain, former Girls' Work Secretary, *British Columbia,* showed beautiful coloured slides of her trip through the *Holy*

Land, to illustrate her Address, "In The Steps of the Master, and St. Paul, in Palestine and Israel Today."

President, Mrs. W. W. Stewart, presided at the Thank-Offering of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* when the Rev. J. H. Morris, of *Garden Village* Presbyterian Church was Guest Speaker, and Mr. Lord was Soloist.

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL—The first Life Membership Presentation of Knox W. M. S. Guild, *Carberry* took place at the January Meeting, when Miss Moyra Armstrong was honoured with a Life Membership Certificate.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — At the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial in First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* the Theme was "For Such A Time As This," and delegates were present from *Atikokan, Geraldton, Fort William* and *Port Arthur.* President, Mrs. Gladys McDougall, presided. Services of Worship were conducted by Mrs. John Douglas and Mrs. John Laing, of *Atikokan*; and Mrs. John Nelson and Mrs. Ken Marsh, of *Geraldton.* Mrs. R. C. Loney was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Dyer Hurdon. Mrs. S. Woods and Mrs. E. S. Sherlock were in charge of registrations, and Mrs. McKirdy and Mrs. Nairn formed the Courtesies Committee.

Miss Dorothy Keller, Regional Secretary, led the discussion on Annual Reports, and Survey Promotion Secretary, Mrs. K. W. Hearnden, outlined the Study Programme. Mrs. H. T. Johnston presented the early W. M. S. History, as prepared by Mrs. H. J. Loney, and Mrs. Hearnden gave the highlights of Superior Presbyterial, which began in 1884, and of which Mrs. Charles LeCocq, of *Fort William* is a Charter Member. The Guest Speaker, the Rev. Daniel J. Firth, B.A. was introduced by Mrs. W. S. Nairn, and spoke on "The Characteristics of the Indigenous Church." Mrs. Isabelle Mitchell presented the Vote of Thanks.

Mrs. W. H. Comba, President of the hostess Auxiliary, welcomed visitors at the Dinner, which was Chaired by Mrs. McDougall. The Rev. Wm. Fairley said Grace, and greetings were brought, from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Fort William,* by the Rev. Agnew H. Johnston, D.D.; from the Kirk Sessions of Oliver Road and Calvin Presbyterian Churches, by the Rev. Wm. Fairley. Mrs. Douglas L. Conlon spoke on behalf of the host Church, and Mrs. Johnston presented greetings from *Manitoba* Synodical, and the Presbyterials of *Winnipeg* and *Brandon.* Miss Dorothy Keller, Regional Secretary conducted the Installation of Officers, when Mrs. Gladys McDougal was elected for a second term as President.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — The W. M. S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* and the Home Helpers, presented Life Memberships to Mrs. A. R. McKeon and Miss Ruth Jones. Miss Agnes C. Morrison, on behalf of the Auxiliary, presented to Mrs. McKeon, the Life Membership Certificate, and Mrs. W. G. McLean presented the Pin. Miss Jones received her Life Membership Certificate from the Hildur Hermanson W. M. S. Auxiliary, of which she is a member. Presentation of the Certificate was made by Mrs. T. C. Ross, and the Pin was presented by Mrs. A. Gordon Campbell.

At the Annual Meeting of the W. M. S. Evening Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* Miss Anne Anderson was honoured, and presented with a gift, to mark the completion of thirty-seven years of continuous service as Treasurer of this Auxiliary. Miss Anderson is already a Life Member of the W. M. S.

Winnipeg Presbyterial held the Annual Presbyterian Women's Day of Prayer in First Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* under the Chairmanship of President, Mrs. F. Lloyd Jones. The Afternoon W. M. S. Auxiliary of this Church was in charge of the Programme, and Miss Iris Ford, Deaconess and Student Supply, at *Roland, Manitoba,* was Guest Speaker, on the Theme, "Peace." Mrs. Ernest Kirkpatrick, of St. John's Presbyterian Church, was Soloist, and Mrs. J. F. McQuaker was Pianist. Leading in Prayer were Mrs. John Anderson, Calvin Church; Mrs. George Langtree, St. David's Church; Mrs. Wallace Little, Westwood Church; Mrs. A. McSween, First Church — all of *Winnipeg*; and Mrs. N. MacLennan of *Old Kildonan.*

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL—President, Miss Veda Gilchrist presided at the meeting of the Jessie Clow Evening W. M. S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Owen Sound,* when five new members were welcomed, and a Life Membership was presented to Charter Member, Mrs. Pearl Morris. Miss Anne Wilson presented the Study on Hong Kong.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL—The Explorers of St. Cuthbert's Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* held two Special Events — fifteen girls, at the Evening Service, presented the Christmas Play, "Unto Us A Son Is Born," which was directed by Miss Arlene Farman, Chief Counsellor, assisted by Counsellor, Mrs. John Avery. At a January Morning

Church Service, five Explorers graduated into the C.G.I.T. with an impressive Graduation Service, when Miss Farman presented Graduation Certificates, and the Rev. G. Malcolm presented the gold Achievement Pins. Six new members were presented with Stars and Membership Certificates by Mrs. John Avery.

At the Annual Meeting of Hamilton Presbyterial, in MacNab Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* the President was in the Chair, and the Worship Services were conducted by Mrs. Alec Skene, Mrs. J. Cruickshank, and Mrs. Roy Spong. Presbytery greetings were brought by the Moderator, the Rev. Charles Carnegie, D.D., and Mrs. Cyril Richards spoke for the Inter-Church Council. An Honorary Membership was presented to Mrs. J. Whittington, on behalf of the Presbyterial, by Mrs. John Cumberlend, and Historian, Mrs. J. Blair, told of the Anniversary Projects. Guest Speakers were Miss Lily Macarthur, of *Goderich,* and the Rev. Russell Self, of *India.* Miss Macarthur based her address on the woman of Samaria, and the text, "Choose this day whom ye shall serve." Mr. Self's theme was "A drop of ink makes millions think," and he stressed the lack of good Christian literature in India, and the people's longing for education. At the Installation of Officers, Mrs. Norman Anderson became President, succeeding Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon.

The Rev. and Mrs. Moore Gordon, late of *Formosa,* were Guest Speakers, and showed slides of the work in *Formosa,* at a recent meeting of the Women's Federation of Chedoke Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton.* The Offering was given to help in raising funds for building Churches in *Formosa.*

HURON PRESBYTERIAL—At the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Clinton,* Mrs. Wesley Bradnock, of *Auburn,* was installed as President, succeeding Miss E. M. Somerville, of *Goderich.*

The Arthur W. M. S. Circle of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Goderich,* celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a Buffet Dinner Meeting. Charter Members, who are also Past Presidents, Mrs. Jas. White, Mother of Miss Ida White, of *India,* and Miss Hazel MacDonald, formerly of *Formosa,* were Head Table guests. President, Mrs. Gordon McManus, presided, and Presbyterial greetings were brought by Mrs. W. Bradnock. The Presbyterial Historian, Mrs. Harold Taylor, lit the candles on the Birthday Cake, and reviewed early years of the Circle, with Mrs. D. Reed giving highlights of the past ten years. This W.M.S. Circle was organized by Mrs. Walter Kelly, and named for Dr. Arthur, a Medical Missionary in the West. The Rev. G. Lockhart Royal, B.A., of *Goderich,* was Guest Speaker.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. Farish Moffat, of *Teeswater,* presided at the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, when guests were welcomed by Mrs. W. Murchison, of *Wingham,* and the Rev. Roderick MacLeod, of *Lucknow*, brought Presbytery greetings. Devotional Periods were conducted by Mrs. F. Smith, Mrs. W. Strickler, and Mrs. M. Engel, of *Cranbrook* W.M.S. Auxiliary; and by Mrs. R. Martin, Mrs. J. J. Stewart, and Mrs. G. Campbell of *Molesworth* W.M.S. Auxiliary. Miss Florence Goertzen, Deaconess at St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* was Guest Speaker, and also installed the 1963 Executive, with Mrs. William Speir, of *Brussels*, the incoming President.

PARIS PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. E. P. Winhold, presided at the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial in Alexandra Presbyterian Church, *Brantford,* when Presbytery greetings were brought by the Rev. L. S. Pandy, LL.D., of *Delhi,* and Mrs. Stanley McPherson, of *Paris*, presented greetings from *Hamilton* and *London* Synodical. Devotional Periods were conducted by Mrs. Wm. Skelly and Mrs. J. H. Jack; and by Mrs. H. McClure and Mrs. M. Macalpine. Good progress was evident in all Secretarial Reports. Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Council Executive, *Toronto* was Guest Speaker, and gave a comprehensive picture of W. M. S. work, both in Canada and Overseas. Mrs. George Corman was Soloist, and Officers were installed by the Rev. Wm. Skelly, M.A., of *Thorold,* with Mrs. E. P. Winhold re-elected as President.

The Afternoon Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Ingersoll,* has lost a beloved and faithful member in the recent death of Mrs. James Malcolm, who was also an active worker in Presbyterial activities. Sincere sympathy is extended to her family.

SARNIA PRESBYTERIAL — "Freedom Through Knowledge and Truth," was the Theme of the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, in Paterson Memorial Presbyterian Church, *Sarnia,* with President, Mrs. R. B. Ross, of *Watford,* in the Chair, and the Rev. George H. Young, M.A. of *Sarnia,* Moderator of Presbytery, bringing greetings. Miss Giollo Kelly, B.A., of *Toronto,* Executive Director of National Missions, was Guest Speaker. She spoke on the Theme, "Stand Fast In The Faith," and told of the W.M.S. work in Canada among the Chinese and Indian people. The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Matthews Presbyterian Church gave the Devotional Period. Secretarial Reports were well received, and the Convener of the Anniversaries Committee, Mrs. Allan Neal, announced that funds would again be sent to Winnipeg Fellowship House this year. Mrs. R. B. Ross was returned as President, and the 1963 Executive was installed.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERIAL — The Rev. Christian Costerus, Missionary from *Formosa,* was Guest Speaker at the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Stratford,* with President, Mrs. Wilfred Carr, of *Stratford,* presiding. Mrs. J. Matheson, of *Avonton,* and Mrs. M. Thompson and Mrs. C. Thompson, of *Listowel,* conducted Morning and Afternoon Devotional Periods. At this Meeting, it was decided to re-divide *Stratford* Presbyterial into two instead of three, as formerly. There are seventeen Churches in this Presbyterial. Guests were welcomed by Mrs. H. Fisher. The Presbytery Moderator, the Rev. James Ferguson, B.A., of *Stratford,* brought greetings, and also installed the 1963 Executive. Mrs. Wilfred Carr, of *Stratford,* was re-elected to the Presidency.

TORONTO & KINGSTON

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The Annual Meeting of the Synodical of *Toronto and Kingston* will be held in Knox Presbyterian Church, Queens Square, *Galt, Ontario,* on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 9-10-11, 1963. The Billeting Convener is Mrs. Lindsay Pollock, 41 Pollock Street, *Galt, Ontario.*

EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — At the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, held in Rogers Memorial Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Executive Director of Overseas Missions, who has just returned from *India,* was Guest Speaker at the Afternoon Session, and speaking of the progress of W. M. S. work there, said "Christian young men and women, educated in our Christian Schools, are chosen to take responsibility in Government projects. There must be more leadership from Canada, and more money for maintaining our work." Greetings were brought by the Rev. David C. Wotherspoon, Moderator of *East Toronto* Presbytery; Mrs. A. S. Curr, Council President; Mrs. Fred Black, Presbyterial Vice-President, and by Mrs. J. C. McFarlane, President of *West Toronto* Presbyterial.

At the Evening Session, Council President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, Guest Speaker, speaking on the Theme, "Looking Backward and Looking Forward," stressed the need for helping our young people, who are looking to us for help. "There is an urgent need today," she said, "for practical religion in everyday life to counteract the hardening materialism, growing selfishness, and the lowering of moral standards of our time. We must be ready to meet this challenge." Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary, presented highlights of the Secretaries' Reports, and Treasurer, Miss Flora Macdonald, reported a total of $37,885 raised during the year.

The Rev. J. M. Milroy, B.D. installed the 1963 Executive.

At the Group Leaders' Meeting in Clairlea Park Presbyterian Church, *Scarborough,* the Skit, "The Blue Book Special" was presented by Mrs. John Newstead, assisted by Miss Marjorie McMullin, Mrs. N. H. Smith, Mrs. J. B. Kaine, and Miss Margaret Tranmer. Leaders of Girls' and Children's Groups, Auxiliary Presidents, and Presbyterial Executive members were present. The film "On The Rim of East Asia" was also shown.

GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. George Peckover, of King, Afternoon Auxiliary Secretary on Council Executive, the Guest Speaker at the Afternoon Session of the Annual Meeting of *Guelph* Presbyterial, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Guelph,* spoke on the Coming Anniversaries in 1964. Mrs. W. McCutcheon, *Hamilton* Presbyterial President, was the Evening Speaker, on "What Motive Shows?" The *Knox Paisley Block* W. M. S. Auxiliary presented to their Minister's wife, Mrs. D. Crawford Smith, an Honorary Membership and Pin. The Rev. R. J. Jackson, Knox Presbyterian Church, *Galt,* installed the Officers for 1963.

KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Helen Acton, Reg. N., of the *Bhil Field, India,* the Guest Speaker at the Annual Meeting of *Kingston* Presbyterial, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Kingston,* showed coloured slides of the W.M.S. work in *Jobat, India.* In the Afternoon, the presentation of "How, and How Not, To Present the Study," was both humorous and informative; and the Presentation of Annual Reports, conducted by Mrs. Harold Keefer, Vice-President of Council Executive, took the form of Discussion Groups. Mrs. John Craig, of *Belleville,* newly-appointed President, paid tribute to the retiring President, Mrs. Vernon Weir, and her Executive.

LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL — President Mrs. H. Wescott, presided at all sessions of the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Lindsay,* and the Moderator of Presbytery, the Rev. Wm. Fitzsimmons, of *Beaverton,* brought greetings. Mrs. John Wallace, President of the Senior W. M. S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, welcomed delegates. The Afternoon Worship Service was conducted by *Bolsover* W.M.S. Auxiliary, and the Evening Devotional Service was in charge of *Port Perry* W.M.S. Auxiliary. Miss Pat Gordon, of *Lindsay* was Soloist, and an "In Memoriam Service" followed. Secretarial Reports showed progress in all Departments. Discussions were led by Miss Olive Grant, Evening Department Secretary, Council Executive, and Miss E. Luzetta McClelland, Treasurer, both of *Toronto.* The 1963 Executive was installed by Miss McClelland, and Mrs.

Whelan closed the Meetings with prayer.

ORANGEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL—President, Mrs. R. D. Fraser, opened the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, with the Call to Worship—"The Mountain and Valley Experiences of a Christian Are Necessary to Make Him Grow" — and Mrs. J. Nute gave the Devotional Period on the Theme, "Gratitude." Afternoon Devotions were led by Mrs. N. Caswell. Received for the Anniversary Projects and the Remembrance Book, the sum of $300.00 was reported by Mrs. Sam McNeilly. The President closed the Meeting with Scripture reading and prayer.

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GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. Iver D. McIver, of *Maxville*, presided at all Sessions of the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, held in St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Cornwall,* when more than 100 delegates were in attendance. Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary was Guest Speaker and the Devotional Periods were conducted by Mrs. L. Harley and Mrs. H. Wilson. Members of the Nominating Committee were chosen from District Number Three, and Reports were heard from the District Vice-Presidents and Department Secretaries. Miss N. MacDermid told of the *Belleville* W. M. S. Leadership Training School; Mrs. E. J. Wilkes gave the Anniversary Committee Report, and Mrs. Robertson Millar dedicated the pages of the Anniversary Books. Delegates from *Kirk Hill, Ingleside, Martintown, Dunvegan,* and *Cornwall,* were appointed to attend the Annual Meeting of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical, in *Montreal.* The Rev. W. L. MacLelland, D.D., of *Cornwall* installed the 1963 Executive, with Mrs. Charles Falconer President.

LANARK AND RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL—The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial convened in St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Almonte,* with seventy members registered, and President Mrs. J. Jack, of *Forester's Falls* in the Chair. The Theme of the Meeting was "Witnessing for God's Kingdom." Mrs. J. Brown, president of the *Almonte* W.M.S. Auxiliary, welcomed delegates, and Mrs. J. Pope, of *Perth,* replied. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. A. Storey, and Mrs. M. Miller, of *Lochwinnoch*; and by the Rev. L. Elder, of *Almonte,* and Mrs. K. M. Sharpe, *Renfrew.* Greetings from Presbytery were brought by the Moderator, the Rev. Douglas Anderson, B.A., of *Perth.* A Prayer Service on "Peace" was conducted by Mrs. Wm. Melonson, Mrs. L. Cartwright and Miss J. Hutchison, all of *Arnprior.* Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary, told of the new Presbyterian

Centre at *Gracefield, Quebec,* which is expected to be open for Children's Camp this summer; and Miss Dorothy Dodds, of *Perth,* Presbyterial Young Women's Promotion Secretary, reported on the Presbyterian W.M.S. Training Centre at *Belleville, Ontario.*

Mrs. H. M. Clancy, *Arnprior,* introduced the Guest Speaker, the Rev. D. L. Elder, previously of *Belfast, Ireland,* and now Pastor of St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Almonte,* and Mrs. J. Pope of *Perth,* thanked the Speaker. An impressive Service of Remembrance was conducted by Mrs. L. M. Smith, and Mrs. Charles McIlquham, both of *Carleton Place,* and the Choir of St. John's Presbyterian Church gave special selections. The 1963 Executive was installed by Miss Lois Powrie.

A successful Missionary Sunday was held by Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Arnprior,* when the Rev. Ronald Rowat, B.A., *Montreal,* Superintendent of Missions for the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, spoke at morning and evening services. Mrs. H. Clancy, *Arnprior,* Presbyterial Vice-President, presided; members of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church conducted the Devotions.

QUEBEC PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of Quebec Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Sherbrooke, Quebec,* with delegates attending from *Scotstown, Milan, Asbestos, Melbourne*, and *Sherbrooke*. President, Mrs. Herbert Mayhew, presided, and Mrs. Henry Mouland of *Milan* conducted Devotions. Excellent Reports were presented by the Secretaries; Mrs. H. Mouland, speaking for the Anniversaries Committee, told of the plans to mark the two W. M. S. Anniversaries with Special Meetings in *Montreal* next May; Chairman, Miss Dora Smith, gave the Report of the Nominating Committee. Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary, was the Afternoon Speaker, and installed the Officers for 1963, after which Supper was served by the Sub-Executive of the Presbyterial.

The Evening Session was an Open Meeting, at which Miss Frieda E. Matthews, Director of Immigration for the Presbyterian Church in Canada, was the Guest Speaker. Introduced by Mrs. Philip Boy, Miss Matthews gave an illustrated address on "The *Winnipeg* Fellowship House," which offers "a home away from home" for the young Indian lads who are working, or continuing their studies in *Winnipeg.* Miss Aline Morrison thanked the Speaker, and the Offering was dedicated to the work of "Fellowship House." Tea was served by members of the *Sherbrooke* W.M.S. Evening Auxiliary.

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WORKERS WITH GOD!

A man with his plough, in the soft May breeze;
The nest-homing birds in the blossoming trees;
The rebirth of growth in the freshly-turned sod;
Surely these, in their ways, must be workers with God!

L.M.C.

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"THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW"

by

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MISS WEBSTER

COUNCIL — 1963! What meaning does this have for you? None at all? Some "stuffy" meetings where people waste a lot of time and energy? A week of hard work for about a hundred women? Or a significant annual event in the life of the Women's Missionary Society?

The Council Meeting this year will be held at Ewart College, in Toronto, from May 6 to 10. This is the meeting to which representatives from across the whole Society come together, to review the work of the Society during the past year, and to consider plans for the days ahead. Every member and friend of the Society can, and should, share in these important Meetings by thinking about them, and by praying that those who have the responsibility of making important decisions, which will affect not only the Society but the whole Mission of the Church, may know God's will, and have the courage and vision to follow it.

During the week of meetings, the delegates will, from time to time, be thinking of that verse in the Gospel according to St. John which says:

"I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved Me." (John 17:23) This verse is a part of the great prayer of Jesus, just before He went out to be betrayed and crucified. In the prayer, Jesus prays for His disciples, praying that they might be one—so that the world might believe that God had sent Him. He prayed, not merely for the early disciples who had been with Him and whom He was sending out to serve Him, but "for them also which shall believe on Me." Thus the words of His prayer were uttered on *our* behalf. He prayed that He might be in *us,* that *we* might be made "perfect in one," so that the world might know that He had come from God.

God had sent His Son into the world so that men and women, believing on Him, should have Eternal Life, and so that the world might be saved through Him. As in the day when Jesus walked upon earth, still to-day God yearns for the redemption of His children, and sends forth His love to them through Jesus Christ. He yearns for the men and women of our day, many of them oblivious to His reaching out to them. There are many things in the world to-day which are so new and troubling to mankind that men cannot hear His voice. Modern man is caught up in the rapid social change of the day, with its tremendous scientific and technological advances, which, though giving him material advantages, frequently depersonalize his life. He lives with the threat of nuclear warfare and complete destruction. He is confused by the mass media of communication, bringing him such a vast variety of ideas that he knows not how to deal with them. He is caught up in the movements of peoples. He is lost in the vastness of a population explosion which, in 50 years, will double the population of the world, to reach in the year 2000 the probable new total of five billion people.

In this prayer, Christ prayed that the confused people of a world in confusion may know that God is, and that God has sent His Son.

But, strangely enough. He prays that these people of the world may know God's gift through the disciples — past and present — and through their perfect oneness. How strange a prayer this seems, and how difficult for the disciples! It is almost impossible, it appears, to have a perfect oneness, for the disciples are human beings, with all of their limitations. It is difficult for human beings even to try to understand the thoughts that are taking place in the depths of another person's being. It is almost impossible, it would seem, for brethren to live together in understanding and love, and true community. That was true in the times of those early disciples, when there were misunderstandings and mistrusts. It would seem that it is even more true in this day, with the divisions, the serious cleavages within the Christian Church, and also with the petty bickering within even our small Christian communities. Yet Christ prayed that we might be made perfect in one. He would have God lift us out of the misunderstandings, the disputes, the divisions, into oneness.

There are times when one does catch glimpses of what this true community could be. Those who have lived and studied at places such as the World Council of Churches' Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, in Switzerland, know something of the depth of Christian understanding that can come, even in a community which is both international and interdenominational. We, at Ewart College, have caught something of this spirit this year, when staff and students have had some very rich opportunities of sharing with Christians from other Communions. In September, our year began with a co-operative Camp Workshop, in which the staff and students of the Anglican, Baptist, Presbyterian, and United Women's Training Colleges, shared life at camp. We shared not only the experiences and skills of camping, but a depth of spiritual fellowship as we worshipped together, even at the Lord's Table. Through the year, we have been invited to spend an evening with the students of the Salvation Army Officers' Training College, and have even had an opportunity to sit down to talk together with a group of Roman Catholic young people, who, with us, are searching to know God's will for their lives, and for His Church. Probably the delegates at Council will know something of this oneness as they live, work, and worship together at Ewart College.

God would grant this kind of deep fellowship to Christians in all places, if they would be willing to come together in their own groups, or, better still, with people of other Churches, to discuss the meaning of their faith. In such discussion, we would find great differences of opinion, but beneath these a basic recognition that it is God, granting to us faith in Him through Jesus Christ and a desire to do His will, who binds us together, and lifts us above the bickering and strife which are seen so frequently within the walls of the Church.

Is this kind of community possible in a world divided and confused? Christ seems to think so, or He would not have prayed as He did. Indeed, within that very prayer we see the way in which such community is possible, for He prayed "I in them, and Thou in Me." This is the secret of Christian community, of Christian witness and mission in the world to-day. Christ in us. God sending us out to mission — in our own community, to those about us, and unto the uttermost parts of the world. He prays that He may live in *us*! Such a prayer demands a response from His disciples — the response of opening their lives to Him that He may indeed dwell in them. Only as Christ lives in His followers can they become perfectly one, so that the world, seeing their love for each other and for Him, may know something of the love of God.

We, who claim to be followers of Christ, must consider seriously the implications of this prayer for our lives. Do we allow Christ really to be in us? Do we give him the opportunity to make us perfectly one with all other Christians — of our own church, of other denominations, of other races? Do we manifest His presence in us, and in our Christian community, so that the world may know that God, in His love for His children, sent His Son to redeem them?

When we do surrender unto His will, our lives, and our relationships with people, will be transformed. Our homes will be happier places. Our groups, and our churches, will lose the jealousies, bickering and competition, which are so often evident now. Our denominations will become less self-centred and self-satisfied. Our young people will more readily hear the voice of God, as He speaks through us, calling them out to live with, and for, Him, or to undertake special tasks of leadership in His Church, which so sorely needs trained leaders to-day. The Church as a whole will be better able to witness to the troubled men and women throughout the world.

At this Council time, 1963, may the prayer of Christ be our prayer as well — that Christ may be in us, that we may be made perfect in one, that the world may know that God has sent Christ, and has loved all mankind, even as He has loved His son, Jesus Christ.

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GOD CARES !

God Cares —
How sweet the strain!
My aching heart and weary brain
Are rested by this sweet refrain—
He cares—**our** Father cares!

God cares —
The words are sweet,
My lips and life shall e'er repeat;
My burdens all left at His feet—
God cares—He always cares!

(Selected)

PRAYER

by MISS EVELYN MURDOCK

Deaconess, Presbytery of Saskatoon, Sask.

Our gracious and loving heavenly Father, we come before Thee this day mindful of our unworthiness, knowing that only through Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour, we can stand before Thee. We would confess our failures to do Thy will, and our unheeding of the many opportunities presented to us to serve Thee. Help us to be conscious of the many little ways in which we can serve others in Thy name. May we be ready to witness for Thee, in whatever situation we may find ourselves. We are thankful for our many blessings. At this season of the year, we are especially thankful for the beauty of nature. Thou art ever faithful and unchanging, even when all other things are changing around us. We are thankful for Thy love and care, and for the knowledge of forgiveness through Jesus Christ Thy Son. Most of all, we are thankful that Thou hast sent Thy Son to be our Saviour.

We pray for strength and guidance for all who witness for Thee in Canada, and in lands across the sea. May they be so filled with Thy Holy Spirit that others may see Thee working in them, in word and in deed. As we think of the members of the Women's Missionary Society, we are conscious of their needs as individuals. We are especially conscious of those who belong to small groups, and of those who travel many miles to meet together in Thy name. We pray that Thou wilt help them to continue to witness for Thee, and may they feel Thy presence, and remember Thy promise, that where two or three are gathered together in Thy name, Thou wilt be with them. We are mindful of all those who lead children and young people in the Church School, and in the mid-week groups. Wilt Thou guide them in this witness which is so vital, that they may not go on in their own strength, but always turn to Thee.

As the time draws near for the Council Meetings of our Society, we do pray for all those who will participate. Wilt Thou guide those who plan the sessions, and those who attend, that all their decisions may be according to Thy will.

Almighty God, we do pray that in all our work for Thee, we will not become so involved in the organization, that we forget the real purpose that should always be before us. O God, we know that it is only as we look to Thee for guidance that we can fulfil the tasks set before us. Help us to be more faithful in our private, family, and public worship, that we may know Thy will, find strength in Thee, and be ever faithful in serving Thee. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

(MRS. A. S.) AGNES CURR

MRS. A. S. CURR

The Annual Council Meeting — May 6-10, 1963

Someone has said that an Annual Meeting is like a picture window, through which we can look, and see the way we have come! As we come to our Annual Council Meeting, we shall meet to look at ourselves, to take stock, and to make an appraisal of the past year. Our thoughts this year will centre around St. John 17 - verse 23 — particularly the words—

"THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW"

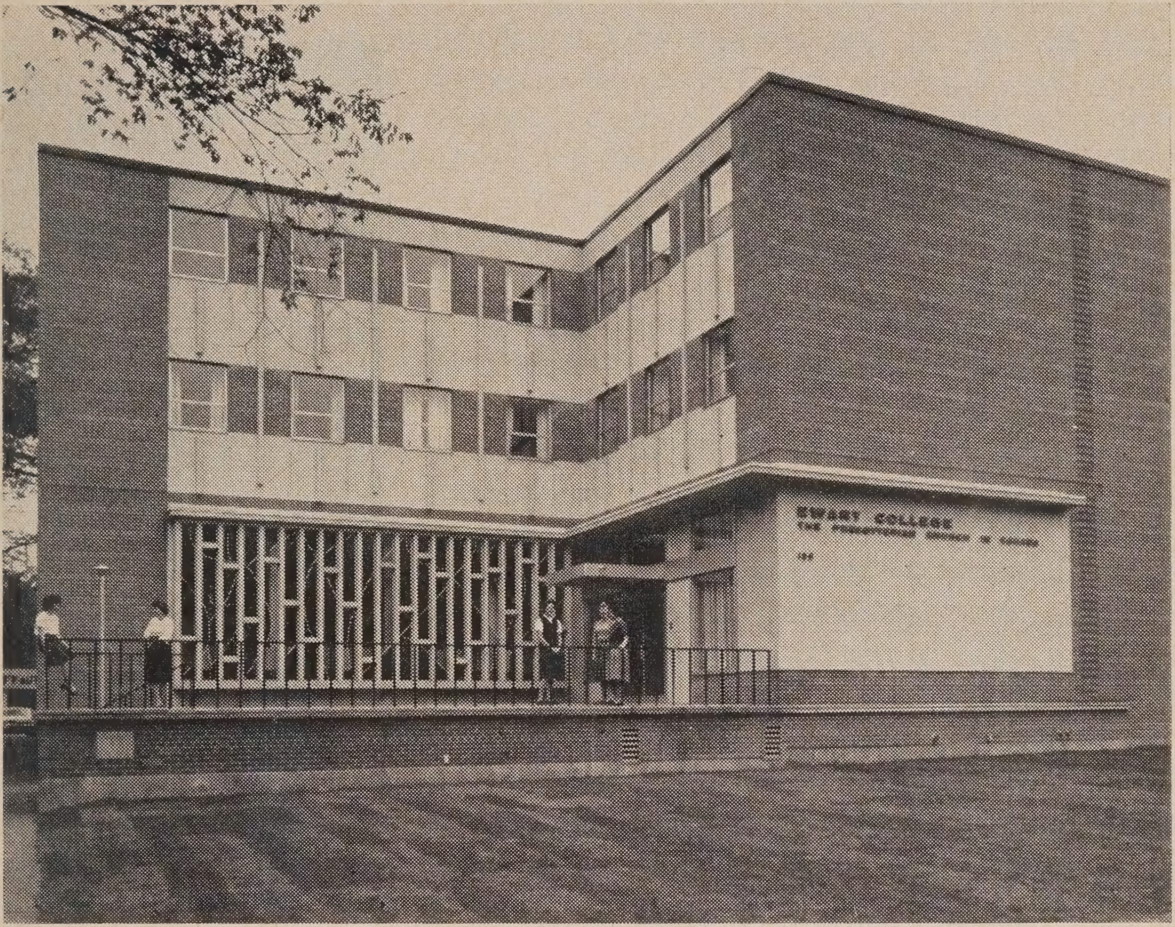
These words are part of the Lord's prayer for His disciples. They are still his prayer for us, as we seek to make Him known to the peoples of the world. What is this going to mean to you, and to me, in the year ahead? Certainly it will mean—

1. Increased responsibility.
2. A deeper concern for the needs of the world.
3. A time of heart-searching, in the light of world needs.
4. A consecrated renewal of our discipleship.

I am asking every member of the Women's Missionary Society to be much in prayer for those who will be your delegates, and for those who will give leadership, and make presentations of our work. Pray that all of us may have a much wider vision of world needs.

To those of you who will not be able to attend, will you be much in prayer for us during those days of May 6th to 10th, inclusive?

EWART COLLEGE, TORONTO



ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual Council Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, will be held in Ewart College, 156 St. George Street, Toronto, Ontario, from Monday, May 6th to Friday, May 10th, 1963, inclusive. The Key Verse for the Sessions will be — "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and *THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW* that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." (St. John 17 — verse 23).

TARA

by

MISS AGNES HISLOP,

The Bhil Field, India

TARA BAI and
"BIBLE WOMAN"

"Remember, Tara, (Star), you are a Christian," said her oldest brother, "Even though our father has made your marriage arrangement into a family who are not Christian, you must not forget to read your Bible, to pray, and to sing hymns you know."

"I will remember," promised Tara, and she followed her bridegroom and his party, as they started along the footpath to their village five or six miles away. And Tara kept her promise.

One Sunday afternoon, about a year ago, we came out of Sunday School in Mendha to find two young men standing on the verandah. "Our mother has been ill for six days," they told Miss Brown, nurse in charge of the Mobile Medical Units. "We would have come sooner, but each day we hoped she would be better. But now . . . will you take her to the hospital?"

Such a request never goes unheeded by the Mobile Medical Unit staff, and soon the motor was on its way to the Bhil home. En route, the young men apologized for coming on Sunday. "For," they explained, "we observe Sunday too." "What is this?" thought Miss Brown. In appearance these men were like any other Bhils — dressed in loincloth and turban, carrying bows and arrows. As a concession to January's cold, they wore shirts also.

On arriving at the house, it was apparent that the mother must indeed go to the hospital. Someone had to go with her, so one daughter was soon delegated. Flour, lentils, and a few cooking utensils were bound up in a cloth. While these preparations were being made, some one brought, from a tin trunk, an evidently much-used Bible and an ancient Hymn Book to show to Miss Brown. The mother was placed in the motor. Then Miss Brown said, "Before we go let us pray for her recovery." Off came the men's turbans — something one never sees in an ordinary Bhil home!

About 9:30 P.M. Miss Brown returned from Jobat, and came dashing into my room to relate these unusual incidents. "Isn't it exciting? Who are these people who evidently know something of Christianity, but have no connection with the Christian community here at Mendha? You and Mary (the Bible Woman) must follow this up!"

The next week Mary and I were in Jobat, but when we inquired at the hospital we found that Miss Brown's patient had recovered, and had gone home. The next morning we set out to hunt for her. We knew the name of her village, but from there on it was straight hunting. Mary endeavoured to ask three or four different goat-herd boys along the road, but each one fled when she approached them! Finally we found someone who pointed out the little bamboo house with its thorn fence. *We* didn't know it at that moment, but we were about to meet Tara!

She greeted us like long-lost sisters — and indeed we were, to one who had been outside of the Christian family for enough years to raise a family, and to see grandchildren, up to eight years of age, in her sons' houses. We heard of the promise she had given her brother, and on that day, and many a day since, we saw evidence of the way she had, to the fullest of her limited ability, witnessed to her family.

The first proof was the way that they all understood me when I spoke to them in Hindi; this showed that they were used to hearing Tara read aloud from the Hindi Bible. In Bhil homes, Mary speaks in Bhili only, and always translates for me. After giving a brief message, I led in prayer. Then came further proof that they were used to Christian worship;— Mary later told me, "I peeked during the prayer, and saw that everybody had their eyes closed, and that the men had taken off their turbans." And the children! In homes other than Christian, the children chatter amongst themselves when anyone leads in prayer, and are completely undisciplined. There, they sat absolutely still and quiet.

After we had Scripture and prayer, Tara bai went into the house and brought her battered Bible, and her much-worn Hymn Book. She had also a new Bible which, she told us, the Missionary Nurse at the hospital had given to her. Then, standing before everyone, she read a passage and prayed — the prayer being spoken in a queer mixture of Bhili and Hindi, but showing her faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, as Saviour. We sang a Bhili hymn, and the older daughter-in-law sang right along with Tara bai, Mary and me.

No, I would not say that here is a Christian family! True, they have learned much, thanks to the witness of the simple faith of that mother. Much yet remains before all sons and daughters, daughters-in-law and sons-in-law, come to know Jesus Christ personally — but they are open and ready for teaching. In this past year, Mary and I have gone there often — sometimes day after day for weeks, giving a consecutive series of lessons. In some months we have managed to go only once a week, or perhaps only a time or two.

Not only to that home do we go, but we have become acquainted with the families in nine or ten homes round about. No longer does any one flee when we approach; on the contrary, we are always welcomed as friends. Now total strangers approach us, and urge us to come to their homes! From some of these contacts come interesting tales.

For instance, we go regularly to the home of "the twins." The twins are not *at* home, but are in the Babies' Home in Amkhut! They were taken there when their mother died at their birth, a year and a half ago, but they are soon to "come home." This is due to an unusual arrangement Miss Scott worked out with the distraught young father. He didn't want to give up his wee daughters, but during the monsoon season, when all the women-folk of the family must work in the fields, there was just no one to care for them. Miss Scott understood his position, and realizing that the wee mites could not survive unless she took them in, worked out a reasonable sum for the father to pay monthly, until they are walking and on a solid Hindustani diet. Mary and I are always welcomed at that house, and we received a special invitation to the wedding, when the young father remarried a few months ago!

Too, there is Gyani. The whole family showed an interest when Mary told the story of Jesus and His love, but this young girl's interest was outstanding. In the course of our daily visits, over a period she learned much. Some weeks later, we arrived one day just as older brother and uncle were setting off with bows and bigger-than-usual bunch of arrows. We were informed that, that very morning, Gyani had run off to the home of the young man whom she wished to marry. Her father had been making a marriage arrangement for her, but the bridegroom was not the man of her choice — so she took matters into her own hands!

The next week Mary, Mina and I, went to Sindanpani to hold a Vacation Bible School for the children of the little Christian group. On the second day, several Bhil women came to the house where we were staying. In the course of the conversation one of the women said, "My daughter-in-law knows you." She nodded toward Mary and me. "Where is your house?" asked Mary. "Over there," she replied, pointing to a house across a little ravine. After the afternoon session of the School we hunted out the path, shouted for someone to watch the dog, and approached the house. Who should meet us but Gyani!

Several times since then we have been to that village and have seen her. The young couple, having made known their preference for each other (though in a manner frowned upon by Bhil custom, too) will be married this hot season. Gyani tells us that she is much happier than she would have been, if she had accepted her family's decision. Time alone will tell, because usually in marriage arrangements the couple's suitability is well-considered beforehand.

Mary and I have access to all of these homes; contacts with all of these families, opportunities to tell of Jesus and His love. Will you join with us in praying that Tara bai's family and neighbours may soon come into the fellowship of Jesus Christ and His Church?

Presbyterian W.M.S. Training Centres 1963

Keep these dates in mind and watch for further publicity.

Dates and Places

July 8-12	Luther College, Regina, Saskatchewan
July 22-26	Albert College, Belleville, Ontario

Purpose

To provide opportunities for those carrying leadership responsibilities, and for those willing to prepare to carry responsibility, to grow—

- in their knowledge and understanding of the Bible
- in spiritual insight and fellowship
- in an understanding of The Presbyterian Church and its work
- in their ability as leaders

AS ONE WHO SERVES . . . THROUGH THE PRESBYTERIAL EXECUTIVE

by (Mrs. G. M.) M. MURIEL LEDINGHAM,
Westminster Presbyterial, B.C.

The phone rang — it was Mrs. Vandeen, chairman of the Presbyterial Nominating Committee. After a short conversation about our families, she got down to business. "Your name has been suggested for office on the Presbyterial Executive, and we are most anxious that you will accept this position." As she talked, I thought back to the few Presbyterial meetings I had attended as a young C.G.I.T. leader — "all rather boring;" "nothing in it for me!" To my youthful eyes everyone here had looked old — I was doing a much more important work as a Leader in my own church! As these thoughts flashed through my mind, I heard Mrs. Vandeen say, "Please give this your serious consideration. We are trying to interest women like yourself who have been leaders of C.G.I.T. and Children's Groups, and who are active in organizations outside the church, in serving on the Presbyterial Executive." As she paused I said, "Thank you for asking me, but I don't think I should consider taking an office. I don't even belong to a W.M.S. Auxiliary, I am just a member of an Affiliated Group." "Oh that's all right," said Mrs. Vandeen, "you are just as much a member of the W.M.S. whether you belong to an Auxiliary, an Affiliated Group, or lead a C.G.I.T. or Children's Group. Perhaps in some ways it is an advantage that you belong to an Affiliated Group, as it may give you a better understanding of some of the younger and newer groups in our churches." I asked for time to think the matter over before making a decision. I was impressed by Mrs. Vandeen's closing words as she quoted from a sermon of Cotton Mather, "A Christian is like a person rowing a boat. Everyone has two callings — there is the general call to serve Jesus Christ, and there is the personal call to do a particular job by which you can serve your fellowmen. Only as the Christian pulls on both these oars, and exercises both these callings, does his life have its proper meaning and direction." "I leave this challenge with you. Goodbye."

As I turned away from the phone, I realized that here was a matter for prayer, and for God's guidance. I asked myself "Is this the responsibility to which God is calling me today? Have I the right to say no?" If I accept, it will mean giving up other interests, for this position will be time-consuming." As I thought and prayed, I seemed to hear Jesus' words as he called his disciples, "Follow me." Would I have had the courage to do as they did, without counting the cost? There is something in each of us that responds to a challenge which demands courage and dedication. I accepted the position, and found myself on a Presbyterial Executive.

Here, I met a group of women serving God, and their fellowmen, in many ways. There is the President, who has the opportunity to meet and talk with women in many groups in the local Church. She sees and appreciates the consecrated devotion and givings of the older women in the Auxiliaries. She and the Executive members become aware of the wide scope of the work being done throughout the Society, and they have the privilege of fellowship with staff members, both national and local. They have the opportunity for creative thinking, and planning of programmes for the Presbyterial meetings, which will stimulate interest and discussion among the representatives from the Churches, and provide information and ideas that can be taken back to the local groups. Here, too, is a chance for Leadership Training at Adult, Girls' and Children's Conferences, and for promoting fellowship and friendship between the groups from the different churches.

Women, with or without secretarial training, can serve as Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, and, as they keep the records and write the letters, they become alive to the wide scope of the work outside the local Church.

What of the person who likes figures? She can become the Treasurer, who has a tremendous job to do. As she reports on the financial givings, we think of the use made of this money — salaries for devoted workers at home and Overseas; Christian Education; our Canadian Indians; medical work. We listen, our imaginations catch fire, and we plan how we can increase our givings so that the world may be won for Christ.

Then there are the Organizational Secretaries, who work with the Adult Groups, and with C.G.I.T., Explorer, and C.O.C. Leaders. Many times, through their efforts, God has called a Leader, or member, to offer herself for full-time service at home or Overseas. They have the ever-present challenge of starting new groups, and expanding the work in each department.

There is a place, too, for those interested in publications. Our Society needs publicity, and this is the work of the Press Secretary. One of our Missionaries is coming to town, so the Secretary will arrange for pictures, and a write-up in the local papers. Do you know the latest news from Nigeria? What is happening at Fellowship House, Winnipeg? The total Estimates for 1963? The Glad Tidings will answer these questions, and the Secretary is always ready to sell new subscriptions. The Literature Secretary never misses an opportunity to tell us about the Study Books, review new publications, and arrange book displays. She encourages everyone to use this wonderful means of increasing our knowledge of the work, and of God's truth.

In these, and in the other Executive Offices, there is a place to use our varying talents and abilities in service to God and man, and thereby greatly enrich our own lives. As we serve on a Presbyterial executive, we grow in our personal awareness of Christ's command, "Go — tell," and in the strengthening of our own Christian witness. Above all, we must remember that we are valuable to the Kingdom of God only in so far as we reach out to all who need Jesus Christ. Here is the challenge to serve God and our fellowmen. DARE WE SAY "NO"?

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THOMAS EDISON'S TRIBUTE TO HIS MOTHER

"The good effects of my Mother's early training I can never lose. She believed that many of the boys who turned out badly by the time they grew to manhood, would have become valuable citizens if they had been handled in the right way when they were young.

I was always a careless boy, and with a Mother of different mental calibre, I should have probably turned out badly. But her firmness, her sweetness, her goodness, were potent powers to keep me in the right path.

I remember that I never used to be able to get along at school. I was always at the foot of the class. I used to feel that the teachers never sympathized with me, and that my Father thought I was stupid, and, at last, I almost decided that I really must be a dunce. My Mother was always kind, always sympathetic, and she never misunderstood, or misjudged me. But I was afraid to tell her all my difficulties, for fear she might lose her confidence in me.

One day, I overheard the teacher tell the Inspector that I was "addled", and it would not be worth while keeping me in school any longer. I was so hurt by this last straw that I burst out crying, and went home and told my Mother all about it.

Then I found out what a good thing a good Mother was. In fact, she was the most enthusiastic champion a boy ever had, and I determined right then, that I would be worthy of her, and show her that her confidence was not misplaced. My Mother was the making of me. She was so true, so sure of me, and I felt that I had someone to live for, someone I *must* not disappoint." (Mother's Day — May 12, 1963)

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SYNODICAL GIVINGS

January-February 1963

	1962	1963
British Columbia		
Alberta		
Saskatchewan		
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WINNIPEG WAITS!

by MISS DOROTHY McCOMBIE

Winnipeg! Gateway of the West! What opportunities were open there for service to Christ and His Kingdom? This question faced me as I heard of my appointment to downtown Winnipeg, with special attention to the Indian Canadian. What a challenge, yet where would I start? What would be my work? What was the whole situation, with regard to the Indian people of Manitoba?

Any of you, who move to a large city from a small town, will sense something of the feeling our Indian people have when they move into Winnipeg from their Reserves. Transition is necessary; city life is completely contrary to life on the Reserve. As well as adjusting to the ways of the city, there is the problem of finding suitable living accommodation, suitable employment, suitable recreation and friendship. Many questions face our Indian friends — "Do others like me? Will I fit into a non-Indian society?" One of the main problems is that he must accept himself; he needs self-confidence and self-assurance.

Lack of acceptance and friendship often sends the Indian person to the 'North Main' area. Every city has its North Main! Living is cheap, people accept you as you are—they don't really care about you, but they accept you "at face value." Houses are not the best—they are cold, draughty and dilapidated, and yet our Indian people make their homes here. Is it any wonder that, when you visit, you find a mother taking her infant to hospital, or discover that a child is already in hospital?

In a recent TV programme a woman, when asked if she would accept an Indian as a neighbour, answered, "Yes, if he is clean." Is this the answer we would give? Certainly we like cleanliness, but how is a person to know unless we love him, accept him, and help him? If we were to move to another country, our adjustment would be terrific. Think for a moment about the tremendous change which faces an Indian person coming into the city!

So often our Indian people come to the city with little or no training, and some have only a very minimum of education. In many cases he must work for a very low wage. At times the non-Indian population exploit his position, and his lack of education. Today we recognize the need for education; it is being stressed every time we turn around. The Indian himself recognizes the need, but what can he do, when he is eighteen or nineteen, with only grade five or six schooling. Perhaps "on the job training" is the answer. Whatever the answer, the Indian is entitled to the same opportunities as the non-Indian. The Indian also needs opportunity for congenial recreation, and a close Church affiliation. Some provision is made for recreation, at the Indian Metis Friendship Centre. Is the Church doing anything? This question can be answered in the affirmative.

We all know of the work of Fellowship House, our first National Anniversaries' Project. It is a home-away-from-home for young people, some transients, some students. Referrals come to the House from the I.M.F.C., the Indian Affairs Branch, and other agencies. We find the Probation Officers using the House now, as a residence for young people released from the Courts. Recently the Court-Worker for the I.M.F.C. said, "Golly, I sure wish I had a place like this in which to live!" This speaks to the need for homes such as Fellowship House. The United Church of Canada has established a lodge for transients; the Anglican Social Services provide emergency aid and assistance; there are Church Young Peoples groups, some integrated, others all-Indian. All of these Church projects are fulfilling a great need.

What about the Government, is it idle? By no means! The Indian Affairs Branch is continually giving assistance. One of the great areas covered by this agency is education. Many of our young people are being encouraged to attend upgrading school. Courses also are given at Manitoba Technical Institute — auto body, carpentry, accounting, etc. Girls are encouraged to take hairdressing and business courses. Therefore, one of the basic and important needs is being fulfilled.

The Welfare Agencies also offer assistance. One way is through the Indian Metis Friendship Centre. The name is self-explanatory. The Centre, set up by the Community Welfare Planning Council of Winnipeg, is a Centre where Indian and Metis people may come for counselling, advice, relaxation, fun and, above all, friendship. The Church workers of Winnipeg work in close co-operation with the Centre staff. The I.M.F.C. employs a full-time Court Worker to assist young people who run into difficulty with the law, and this is a never-ending task.

Other agencies are active too, looking after the material needs of the man. Yet, we continually hear, "Why don't they do something about the Indian situation?" Who is this vague 'they'? The same applies to the church. We hear, "Why doesn't the Church do something?" Who is the Church? This vague 'they' and the 'Church' — could it, by any stretch of the imagination, be you and me?

Our responsibility involves more than giving money. The Church seems to have lost the whole concept of fellowship, of accepting someone as he is, as a child of God. We need action! What do you do with your Indian neighbour? Strong opposition was faced by the United Church Lodge when it opened, and although no opposition was apparent when Fellowship House opened, still care had to be taken. Are you one who would oppose such an establishment in your neighbourhood? Would you open your home to a non-white person? Would you accept him as he is, as your neighbour? Would you love him, respect him, and make him your friend? These questions need careful consideration.

You may be asking yourself, "Where can I serve? What can I do?" These same questions went through my mind as I looked at Winnipeg, waiting for somebody to care. I did not quite know what I could do, or where I could start, but slowly the idea evolved that I should concentrate my efforts in the North Main area. But how?

It was not easy to get started. I had talked to a few people, and soon discovered that other Church Workers were concerned about this area, and particularly about our Indian people. Our young people were being swallowed up and lost in this neighbourhood; wearing out shoe leather walking the streets; sometimes waiting for a friendly smile or a cheery greeting, or just for somebody to speak to them, somebody who cared. I read books of pilot projects that had worked in neighbourhoods similar to North Main. Thought, prayer, study and planning were needed. It was hard to bring myself to the place where I could actually go into this area. Nobody walks down here alone; if possible you take a friend along. Men, women, boys, and girls, gather on the street corners, or frequent the numerous 'hotels' in the area.

What are some of the situations facing us? We often hear of the crowded living conditions on the Reserves. The same story holds true of the city. One home visited recently had nine people, children and adults, living in two small rooms. Two families were living in another home, not fit for habitation. The stairs would hardly support you, and there was a real gust of wind blowing inside; birds were twittering in the rafters, which were quite visible.

Can nothing be done? Yes, the city is planning a re-development programme to clear this area, and, even as this article is being written, the sod is being turned for an apartment block, to house these people in a new area. It seems as if the Church has missed one opportunity; will it miss another? The church must become militant. She must open her doors, and move out into the community. We must go to the people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, because they certainly will not come to us. Let us move into these communities in the name of the Church, while there is still time! Let us take God seriously, and awaken the latent power within the Church. Who is the Church? It is you and I, under Jesus Christ!

What are the answers to the North Main question? At the moment they are not clear, but this one thing is clear — God is leading; He is opening the doors and He alone gives the power to sustain. He calls us to do this work, and when He calls we have no choice but to trust and obey. Through prayer, study, and by taking an honest, clear look at the situation, we can see many areas of service. Yes, Winnipeg waits! It is not only a Gateway to the West, but it is also a doorway to the future, a future filled with opportunities to serve Christ and His Kingdom.

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Your Prayers are asked

—For the presentation of National Missions at the Annual Council Meeting, that each one participating may be given Divine guidance in interpreting the challenge to strengthen and expand the various departments of work across Canada.

—For our Missionaries serving in Chinese work in Montreal, that, through their work, the Word may spread, as they endeavour to strengthen Christ's Kingdom.

—For all delegates to the Council Meeting that each may participate constructively in decisions made; and that all decisions may be in accordance with the Mind and Will of Him who is the King and Head of the Church.

—For all unable to be present at the Council Meeting, that they may participate in them through their concern and prayers.

—For the women of the United Church of Northern India; pray that they may be led to take their place in their Church's life.

—Pray especially for the women in our own Bhil area, as they face new responsibilities and opportunities as disciples of our Lord and Master.

—For Church women everywhere; pray that all may be allowed to offer their gifts of love and service to God, through the Church of Jesus Christ.

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READ — AND REMEMBER!

Someone has said that in the printed word there is a great avenue into the hearts and minds of man. How right they are! But the printed word has no legs by which to reach those to whom it would bring its news, its truth, its knowledge, its inspiration. Someone must be found to act as its agent. This is particularly true of our official W. M. S. Magazine. The need is for even *one* enthusiast, *one* person of true conviction in every congregation, who would make it her special Service to her W. M. S. to see that "The Glad Tidings" is kept always before her Church and its people. What a wonderful tool is literature — to consolidate faith; to enlarge vision; to spread true knowledge of God's world; to strengthen the arm of evangelism! Through it, is opened a window on all our Mission Work, in Canada and Overseas. This official magazine of the W. M. S. should be delivered regularly to every Presbyterian home! And only our "Glad Tidings" Secretaries can make sure that it is! They are the ones who must be the real enthusiasts! Need we say more? (L.M.C.)

MRS. THOMAS EWART — A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

by JEAN STEWART, B.A.

In the town of Musselburgh, Scotland, in the year 1818, a child was born, who was to play a leading part in the founding and work of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Her name was Catherine Skirving, and she spent her childhood in northern Scotland. When her father was offered a position in the Canada Company, she and her sisters came out with their parents in a sailing vessel, taking three months to reach Muddy York. Four months after their arrival, her father contracted malaria or "lake fever" while clearing his land grant, and died, leaving his wife and six children, aged 3 years to 16 years, to face the future alone. After seven years of struggle and frustration in keeping her family together, Mrs. Skirving moved to Toronto, where she established a Young Ladies' School at the corner of King and Bay Streets.

In 1846, Catherine Skirving married a young lawyer, Thomas Ewart. They shared five years of happy marriage, but this was increasingly shadowed by Mr. Ewart's failing health. Under doctor's orders the Ewarts left their children in Toronto, and sailed for Madeira, in search of health and a warmer climate. But after six months the end came, and the young widow was left alone, far from her own country and people. Her character and her faith in God were deep and strong to carry her through this ordeal, and, trusting in the love and care of her Saviour, she returned to her fatherless bairns in Canada. For the next few years the cares of her young family engrossed most of her time and attention, although she always was active in the life and work of her Church.

As the children grew older, Mrs. Ewart became more and more involved in Church and Philanthropic work in Toronto. It is not surprising to find her, as one of the group of women who responded to the notice placed in the Toronto papers by the Foreign Missions Committee of the Presbyterian Church, calling for a meeting of ladies to consider the formation of a society for Foreign Missions. At the meeting held in February of 1876, Mrs. Ewart, along with Mrs. MacLaren and twelve other women, was appointed to the Committee which drafted the constitution and by-laws of the new Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. On March 21st, 1876, Mrs. Ewart was named first Secretary, with Mrs.

W. MacLaren as President. At the fifth Annual Meeting of that Society, in 1881, Mrs. Ewart succeeded Mrs. MacLaren as President, and she was re-elected annually. The last meeting at which she presided was the Twenty-first Annual Meeting in Central Church, Hamilton, in 1897. In the Minutes of the Twenty-second Annual Meeting in 1898 we find a resolution — "On the death of our late President, Mrs. Ewart—paying tribute to the many gifts so freely and generously used in the work of our Society."

In "Our Jubilee Story," we read of the work of these first officers of the Society. "Officers of the Board gave themselves unreservedly to this good work. We read that much time was given to prayer, in the early meetings of the Board. These earnest pioneer women realized deeply their dependence on Divine guidance. They planned-for and expected great things, and their high expectations were more than fulfilled in future years, for in simple faith they builded even better than they knew, and laid foundations broad and deep which lasted, practically without a break, through the whole history of the Society." Mrs. Ewart's spirit is shown in her report to the 1st Annual Meeting: "Now that we are assured that no scheme of our Church has suffered in consequence of this additional call upon our givings, we think we may take courage and urge the claims of this Society." Her concern was always for the *whole* work of the Church.

Her grand-daughter, Miss Evelyn Ewart Henderson, writes reminiscently of Mrs. Ewart in her later years: "Everyone seemed to love Grandmama . . . She took an interest in everything and everybody, even to reading the sports page in the paper, so that she could discuss intelligently with my brothers about their school activities. She was so interested in Missions, and had such a wonderful influence over all people with whom she came in contact. We had many opportunities of meeting Missionaries who were on furlough, or those who were going out for the first time, as they frequently came to the house to talk over their problems with the President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Each Missionary was a personal friend, and Grandmama kept in touch with them, either by letters or by visits; she prayed constantly for them.

"Many a time I was encouraged to give my 'Missionary tithe" by running errands, perhaps to Mrs. Andrew Telfer's, Secretary of the Missionary Magazine, where volunteers met every month to address and mail the publication, so as to save expense. Another memory is that when the Annual Meetings took place in Toronto, I, along with other 'small fry,' would act as pages, sitting on the pulpit steps, or near by, so that we might be available to carry messages from those on the platform to delegates in the main body of the church. We also had to be alert to answer beckonings from those who wished to send messages up to the platform. There were no loudspeakers in those days, and really the President did not need one, for her voice was as clear as a bell, and carried well to all parts of the church. Even at the last Annual Meeting over which she presided, held in McNab Street Church, Hamilton, her voice was strong, and the people had no difficulty in hearing her."

One of the special concerns of Mrs. Ewart was providing training for women Missionary Candidates. At the Annual Meetings of the Society, in 1890 and 1891, the W.F.M.S. under Mrs. Ewart's leadership, pressed for the establishment of a Training Home. Through the early 1890's, the problems of financing such a venture necessitated the training of Presbyterian candidates at the Toronto Bible School, with courses augmented at Knox College. Finally, in the year of Mrs. Ewart's death, the General Assembly moved to establish a Training Home, with Mrs. Ross as its head. Opened in September of 1897, it was named the Ewart Missionary Training Home, in memory of the woman who had done so much to make it possible. Her continuing concern was shown by her gift of her home at 540 Church St., and part of her furniture and money, as her legacy towards the establishment of the Home.

Just a few days before her death, at the 21st Annual Meeting of the Society, Mrs. Ewart, as President, had urged upon the members the duty of responsibility to the Church's work. It was the creed she lived and worked by. No one can estimate the tremendous influence of Mrs. Ewart in the establishment of the Women's Missionary Society and in the shaping of its policy and programme. Her energy, enthusiasm, deep personal faith, and prayerful concern for the Church's witness, were remarkable. It is only fitting that her name is remembered and perpetuated in the new Ewart College, where generations of Presbyterian young women will follow in the spirit of Catherine Skirving Ewart, pioneer woman church leader.

ANNIVERSARIES' CELEBRATIONS, MONTREAL, MAY 8, 9, 10, 1964

The plans for the marking of the two anniversaries—the 100th and the 50th—of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., are going forward.

The general Theme of the meetings will be "The World for Christ", the motto of the Society, chosen in 1883 by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

Women, across the church, will be happy to know that Miss Margaret Kennedy, of India, will lead in the study related to the theme.

In Remembrance

NAME	CHURCH	PRESBYTERIAL
Mrs. Charles Jenkins	Knox, Meaford	Barrie
Mrs. Isaac Carruthers	St. Andrew's, Barrie	Barrie
Mrs. Fred Levia	First, Brockville	Brockville
Miss Bertha Emily Rowe	First, Brockville	Brockville
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Mrs. C. L. Cowan	St. Andrew's, Hamilton	Hamilton
Mrs. Larson Billiald	Presbyterian, Alberton	Hamilton
Mrs. Alexander Newlands	St. Enoch's, Hamilton	Hamilton
Mrs. J. C. Hyssop	St. Andrew's, Kingston	Kingston
Mrs. Charlotte Acton	Presbyterian, Sandhill	Kingston
Miss Minnie McCuaig	Presbyterian, Beaverton	Lindsay
Mrs. T. J. McVittie	MacVicar, Outremont	Montreal
Mrs. Chas. Tennier	First, Port Colborne	Niagara
Mrs. William W. Smith	Knox, Woodstock	Paris
Mrs. J. H. Francis	St. Andrew's, Indian Head	Regina
Miss Lucy Brown	St. Andrew's, Innisfail	Red Deer
Mrs. Wm. Waugh	Knox, Mitchell	Stratford
Miss Mary Henderson	Old Kildonan Presbyterian	Winnipeg
Mrs. Ella Balfour McInnes	Old Kildonan Presbyterian	Winnipeg
Mrs. W. S. McRae	Fairview, Vancouver	Westminster
Mrs. A. Lloyd	First, New Westminster	Westminster
Mrs. Spencer Baynes	Presbyterian, White Rock	Westminster
Mrs. David Robertson	St. Andrew's, Brampton	West Toronto
Mrs. Joseph Partridge	St. Andrew's, Brampton	West Toronto
Mrs. Robert J. Watson	St. Andrew's, Brampton	West Toronto
Mrs. Harold Watson	St. Andrew's, Brampton	West Toronto
Mrs. J. Gray	Runnymede, Toronto	West Toronto
Mrs. W. Dodd	Runnymede, Toronto	West Toronto

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GOD SPEAKS !

Be still and know
That God is in His world,
Though clouds shut out the light
Though wars and sadness stalk.
And all is night.

Be still and know
That God is in His World,
God speaks but none may hear
That Voice, unless he have
The listening ear. (Selected)

A VOICE FROM 1887!

(This Address of Welcome is the one given to the assembled delegates, who met in Old St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Toronto on April 12th and 13th, 1887, for the "Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Western Division." Mrs. Thomas Ewart, whose name is perpetuated now in our new Ewart College, was then President, and the Motto, then as now, was "The World for Christ."

It seems almost as timely now as then, as once again delegates will be together in Toronto for an Annual Council Meeting, doesn't it? Ed.)

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

MRS. H. M. PARSONS

ON BEHALF of our honoured President and her associates in the Board, and the members of all the Societies in this city, I would give a most hearty Greeting to the dear Christian Sisters now assembled. You are all very welcome to Toronto! I hope you have all had a pleasant journey from North, South, East, and West, and are now safely domiciled.

You come as representatives of Missionary Societies — both large and small — some full of happy experiences, and others just learners in Mission Work. The Committee who have charge of the arrangements have prepared a rich feast in their programme, but I feel very sure that we, not any of us, will be allowed to talk one-half as much as we would like! So dear friends, do not lose an opportunity of a recess, or meeting in the ante-rooms, stairways or streets, to speak to each other, cheer our hearts and encourage our hands by telling what the Lord is leading you to do, in your several societies; of all your plans of work, and just how you do things. Let us have the benefit of all your practical ideas about Mission work. Nothing delights me more than to meet in such an assembly of the saints — holy women of sanctified common sense — who have ideas and know how to use them, and will then tell them to me and allow me to make use of them too. It makes no matter, dear sister, whether you know my name, or I yours — we are all working in the same grand cause. So do not fail to give each other a warm grasp of the hand, and introduce yourselves to each other. It may be the foundation for a beautiful and helpful life-long acquaintance. Perhaps your methods of work will be just what I need in my auxiliary, or another sister needs in her country parish. Perhaps some of you are working almost alone and need more sympathy. Sympathy is one of these mysterious forces that bind together Christ's children, and render them more efficient as servants of their King. Even the sympathy of the weak will enable the stronger ones to accomplish what, without that sympathy, would be too great for them.

What blessed missionaries I am sure you are all going to be to us! And then in our homes and round our firesides, talk to our *young* people; rouse their enthusiasm by the accounts of what you have done and what you have tried to do, though perhaps it has seemed to mortal eyes to have been a failure.

May we not hope that this meeting will be another Mount of Transfiguration, and Christ's presence shall so fill and thrill our hearts, that we shall count it all joy to be and do anything in carrying the blessed Gospel to others.

Some may be present who have never attempted any such work. To them let me say, no matter whether you live in city or country, are rich or poor, whether your church is dead or alive, if your heart burns within you — while we talk together of the things pertaining to the Kingdom — Go home, and go to work! You do not need to be talented or entertaining, but if you are a woman of Prayer, Patience and Persistence, you are bound to succeed! Hearty enthusiasm is the most infectious quality we can possess — but do not forget the three P's: Prayer, Patience and Persistence. Nothing is worth doing at all that is not worth doing thoroughly, and nothing is done thoroughly without hard work. Easy going, slip-shod ways are not blessed. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bearing his sheaves with him," and "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth Salvation, that sayeth unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!"

We may be sure of one listener — the Lord Jesus Christ Himself — who pronounces upon the character of our work. So let us go to Him with large petitions. Let us in our prayers ask for the things we want as well as need. "May Prayer be the key of the morning as well as the bolt of the Evening." "Prayer is knowing work, believing work, thinking work, searching work, humbling work, and nothing worth, if heart and hand do not join in it."

Never shall we all meet again! So let us "Consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works." Let us celebrate the Jubilee of our Beloved and Honored Queen in this "Upper Room" by continuing with one accord in prayer and supplication.

This is the Church's need now, her hope, her privilege, her duty. This is within our power — united, continued prevailing prayer.

"The pierced hand is upon the flood gates of Heaven." "All power is given in Heaven and Earth to Him." May this meeting together at the Throne of Grace bring down a blessing greater than that of Pentecost. And may this Baptism of the Spirit make us all, at the close of this annual meeting, as different from our present state, as the Apostles were changed under the first Baptism of Power from what they were before the Ascension of Christ.

Again dear friends, let me assure you of a most cordial welcome to these anniversary services, to our homes and to our hearts!

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Miss Teen-Ager

Students around the piano provided by Presbyterian C.G.I.T. Groups across Canada.

A DAY AT EWART COLLEGE

by EILEEN McVITTIE

(Eileen McVittee is in her second year at Ewart College. Her home is in Toronto where she was a former C.G.I.T. leader in Glebe Presbyterian Church.)

Can it be morning already? It surely is! So — turn off the alarm, and, along with the fifty-seven other girls in residence at Ewart College, "rise and shine!"

Three knocks on Beverley's door brings a sleepy "Thank you!" There is no sound from Joan and Jane in their double room. Was that the breakfast bell? It's 7:45 a.m. Surely I have a clean blouse somewhere!

(Must remember to take that washing down to the laundry-room tonight and put it in the automatic washer and dryer.)

Lena is waiting in the dining room with a happy "morning"—poached eggs? boiled eggs? — porridge? Now I realize where those extra pounds have come from! Conversation at the tables may be a discussion on the Old Testament, or a description of a chemistry problem. It might also be a vacant stare, which may mean someone is reviewing for an exam, or still waking up. But time moves on, and I still have a bed to make, and books to collect before classes.

Before the rush of the day commences, we gather for worship in the Chapel. To God alone we give glory and thanksgiving, as we seek His guidance for this new day.

Now it's time for classes! This is a brand new building, but 156 St. George Street must heave a sigh of relief when the last of its thirty-six university students, and twenty-two student deaconesses, leave each morning. Myrna, who has never seen snow in her native Trinidad, is going to the School of Nursing; Dawn is off for a morning lab at the Chemistry building; and I'm off to lectures at Knox College. In the courses in Theology our Christian faith is challenged, in order that it may grow deeper and firmer.

Noon means back to '156' for lunch. How do I get so hungry from just sitting in a class all morning; I'd better stop at the office and see if there is any mail. Today, at lunch I'll sit with Mary and Jean so we can discuss our field work. We are leading a C.O.C. group. The girls at the next table are discussing Explorers and C.G.I.T.

No time for an afternoon nap! Miss Webster, the Principal, and Miss Adams, the Dean, are waiting to begin the lectures in Christian Education. It is in these classes that we consider the importance of Christian nurture, and learn to be teachers of teachers, and leaders of leaders.

Four o'clock — time for a coffee break and chat in the common room. Can't linger long, for there's lots of preparation to be done for tomorrow — books to be read, essays to be written, and reports to be prepared. The new College Library is slowly building up a good collection of books in the Christian Education field.

There are the three chimes for Chapel! Linda is leading the Service of Worship, and Sandra is playing the organ today. Surrounded by the simple beauty of the Chapel, aware of whose love has furnished it, we worship God, who because He loved us, gave His Son that we might have life.

There is hardly time between Chapel and dinner to go back to my room, so I'll go into the lounge. Mary is playing the lovely grand piano, which was given to Ewart College by the Presbyterian C.G.I.T. girls in Canada. Music and singing have a special place in the life at Ewart College, and so this gift is especially appreciated.

There's the dinner bell! What will be the menu for dinner tonight? It might be roast beef and Yorkshire pudding; a special dish of curry and rice; or just plain old-fashioned stew. It's good to come together at dinner to share the day's experiences.

Right after dinner, there is time for a quick game of badminton or volley ball, to work off that extra dessert. Now back to the books!

Sh-sh-sh; Until ten o'clock it's quiet time for studying. Mustn't forget to go to the common room at ten — there'll be ice cream! Everyone is invited to celebrate the good news that two of our 1963 graduates are going Overseas — one to India, as a nurse; the other to Nigeria, as a Christian Education worker.

Eleven o'clock — hallway lights out, time to say good-night! During these quiet moments before the day ends you think of the happiness you have received from others. You remember the incidents over which you became irritated. Even in a Christian community, it's sometimes difficult to live with one another. But then you realize that it is God alone, through Christ, who helps us to love one another because He first loved us.

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Boys and Girls!

HONG KONG ROOF-TOP STORY

(Adapted from a story by Queenie Allan, with permission from the Department of Christian Education of the Canadian Council of Churches.)

Wong scuffed barefoot through the ruins of burnt-out homes in a fireswept area, picking up pieces of charred wood and placing each carefully in his basket. Wong was homeless — homeless for the second time since he had come as a refugee to the island of Hong Kong. Months ago, he and his family had come to Hong Kong with many other refugees, crowded together on a small Chinese boat called a Junk. When they arrived, there was nowhere to live. They had built a little one-room shack out of cardboard boxes, bits of wood and tarpaulin, on one of the steep hillsides above the city.

The view from the hill was beautiful. All around were tall mountains. Below was Hong Kong's deep blue harbour, filled with small house-boats, and great ocean-going ships, which travel to all parts of the world. One could see tall modern buildings, and beautiful old ones. There were wonderful sunsets too, then darkness, and a fairyland of lights. Yes, a fairyland of lights — but it wasn't a fairyland— not where Wong lived!

Crowded close to Wong's doorway was a second make-shift hut, and another and another, up and down the hillsides. There were more than you could count. There was much sickness; dirt and foul smells were everywhere. There never was enough water! Here on the hillsides, one had to carry it up steep trails. If you wanted to bathe you went to the harbour, so beautiful at a distance, but worm-infested and dirty when close at hand. And people never had enough to eat. If you were hungry, you hung around the waterfront restaurants to pick up scraps no one else wanted. Sometimes your parents stood in line to get a ration of food from a Christian service agency.

Twice, Wong's family had built a home on the hillside, and twice their home was destroyed. The first time, heavy rains had fallen. Water, rushing down the steep hillsides, had washed away great landslides, carrying homes and even some people with it. Wong's family were fortunate to escape harm! The second time, flames from someone's cooking fire crept into a pile of rubbish. The flames licked over whole settlements, and when the fire was finally a smouldering mass, Wong's family and many many others were homeless again. So now Wong was scuffing through the ashes, trying to find enough pieces to build another home. Right now, his family was living on a sidewalk in Hong Kong. Along with many other homeless people, they sought shelter wherever they could—under a tarpaulin on a sidewalk, in a doorway, or in caves in the hillsides.

From where Wong searched through the rubble, he could see the new buildings the Government had built to house homeless families. He looked longingly at the huge buildings, six and seven stories high, built of strong, fireproof concrete blocks. "If only there was a room for us in one of these buildings," he thought longingly. "No floods or fires could destroy our home then! And I might even be able to go to school." Wong had heard that there were schools on the roof-tops of these buildings, and he wanted very much to go. Although he was eleven years old, he had never been to school.

Wong was going over to search in another pile of rubbish, when he saw his father looking for him.

There was a happy look on his father's face. He had good news! There was room at last for Wong's family in one of the large Government buildings. How wonderful! A home that could not be washed away by rain, nor destroyed by fire!

Wong and his father hurried as fast as they could, and at last they came to the big seven-storied building. Wong, his mother and father, and his three sisters, were to have one small room, where they would cook, eat, and sleep. But it was clean. There were clean toilets and laundries to use. There were community taps, with clean running water to drink. No more going to wash in the dirty harbour water. No more climbing up the steep hillsides with the day's supply of water! True, you had to share these things with all the other families in the building, but they were good things to share.

The next day Wong was up early, and was soon out in the busy street with crowds of other boys. The street was playground for most of them, but Wong made friends with two boys who told him they went to a school on the roof-top of the building where they lived.

"Look," they cried, "see those little buildings at each end of the roof and the fence round the rest of the roof?"

"Yes," said Wong, tilting his head way back, "I can see."

"Well, the buildings are the classrooms. The fenced-in part is where we have games and exercises. And on Sundays we have Sunday School and Church there. Maybe you can come and be in our class."

Wong shook his head doubtfully. "Does it cost money?" he asked.

"Yes — a little," said Lee, the oldest, "just 75c." But even a little was a lot in Wong's family!

"We'll tell the teacher about you," said his new friends, "maybe there'll be some way by which you can come."

That night, when the family were together in their room, Wong told about the school on the roof-top of the building. Could he go? His parents were sad: — "Not now, my son," said his father, "but perhaps later, because you should go to school." Then he brightened and said, "I have some very good news! There is a shipping clerk needed in one of the knitting schools run by a Christian mission, and I have been chosen to do the work. Also your mother and elder sister are going to a sewing school, on the roof-top, in the evenings, to learn how to make clothes for sale." It was good news, life was a little better for Wong's family. Two or three months later, Wong was able to go to the roof-top school.

Four different classes of children were held on the roof-top each day. They learned to read and write, heard Bible stories, and learned of God's love. They played on the roof-top, seven stories up in the air. Each day boys and girls who went to the school received a glass of milk, and a roll, cracker or biscuit.

This was a wonderful treat for Wong, who had never had enough to eat.

Wong wished his two younger sisters could enjoy the school and the food too. It wasn't just the money that was needed. His teacher explained that when there was room they could come to school too.

(One of the Vacation Church School projects for the summer of 1963 will be Roof-top Schools in Hong Kong.)

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Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

PEACE IN THE VALLEY By Vance Havner

There is a particular charm and quietude within these fifty brief Meditations forming this splendid little book—a sense of inner peace breathes throughout each one of them, and conveys a special message to the reader. Vance Havner is a beloved Author and Minister whose many inspirational books have found their way into thousands of homes, both in the United States and other lands, but it may well be that this one has a special appeal because it was written after his sixtieth birthday, and during the period just before, and after, a very serious illness. There is wisdom, comfort, and understanding, here, and a profound sense of the goodness, and the wonder of God, as it is shown in Nature's revelations all about us in our everyday lives. These are but a few of the titles, which make one eager to read on and on—"Spring Song in Winter; Bread on the Waters; Escape to a Hilltop; New Lease on Life; Face to the Wall; Disturbers of the Peace; The Gifts and the Giver; Better Than Moving Mountains; Above The Clouds" — just a few, but all fifty are well worth-while. Price $2.75.

KEEPERS OF THE SPRINGS By Peter Marshall

This small book is definitely a treasure-trove! It contains just three selections in its sixty pages — "Keepers of the Springs; By Invitation of Jesus; and The Grave in the Garden" — but these were all written by the late Peter Marshall, that remarkable, dedicated, young Minister of Washington's historic New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, and the dearly loved Chaplain of the United States Senate. They have all been selected from his famous book "Mr. Jones, Meet The Master," and all were originally given, just as they have been reproduced here, from the pulpit of his Church. In this Month, when Mother's Day is universally observed, the first one "Keepers of the Springs" is especially appropriate reading, for it is a touching and perceptive tribute to Motherhood, which at the same time pleads that Mothers may be more courageous still, remembering always that it is they who *are* the "Keepers of the Springs" of family life, and responsible for their purity.

The second selection, "By Invitation of Jesus" is an outstanding portrait of true Christian brotherhood in action, and "The Grave In the Garden," is a poignantly beautiful Meditation for Easter, compelling in its re-creation of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. "If a man die, shall he live again? Yes, because the resurrection is a fact. Aye, and I, too, shall live, because I know it is true!" These are Dr. Marshall's closing words—there is no doubt at all that he has long ago found how true they were!

Price — $1.10

MEDITATIONS ON GARDEN THEMES By Josephine Robertson

"Strange," says Mrs. Robertson, in her brief foreword, "how the beauty of gardens, and their cultivation, have, from the time of Genesis, symbolized human joys and struggles!" In this month when all our thoughts turn so eagerly to the rebirth of beauty and the miracles of gardens and their making, this collection of 51 lovely Meditations on this Garden theme seems apropos indeed. The Author is, herself, both a Gardener of note, and a lover of gardens, and in them she finds the universal truths about everyday living. She has made a hobby of searching-out and photographing unusual gardens, and learning the story back of each. Gardeners, themselves, she has found to possess certain qualities — "they are patient, reflective, kindly, absorbed in something other than self, and forward-looking, regardless of age." I think that most of us have also found that to be true!

Each Devotional opens with an appropriate reading from Scripture, is followed by a brief Meditation, and a Prayer. Each carries a real and inspirational message, and each makes truly interesting reading. This would be a delightful book to possess oneself, perhaps to use occasionally at Meetings; and as a gift for garden-loving friends, it would be perfect.

Price — $1.85

WATCHMAN AGAINST THE WORLD By Flora McPherson

Beginning in the last years of the 18th Century, this is the true and heart-stirring story of a dauntless Christian and daring crusader—Norman McLeod, who left his home in the Scottish Highlands, because he could not find his own sound beliefs in accord with the Ministers of his Church at that time. Feeling deeply that his stand was right and justified, he gave up his career, and worked hard as a fisherman until he had sufficient money to pay his way to North America. Finally he came to Cape Breton, the highlands of Nova Scotia, and there he built up a community of 800 followers, over which he ruled, leading them in work and Church for 31 years. Then, again, he felt the call to a far-away land, and with his loyal group of 800 souls, he migrated first to Australia, and finally to New Zealand. All of this makes fascinating reading, especially for those of Scottish blood, or with family ties in Cape Breton, and it is factually and historically correct, since the Author has most carefully authenticated her information, and gone deeply into the social history of Scottish Canadians. It is indeed a vital picture of the man, his people, his community, and of the times in which he lived. Price — $4.50

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APPRECIATION !

I would like to thank all the groups of the W.M.S. Evening Auxiliaries, Sunday Schools, and C.G.I.T., for their splendid contributions to the Christmas boxes which were sent to this school. There was such a good variety of gifts that it made it easy and pleasant to distribute. There were some age-groups for which we were short, but with money contributions, sent by some of the groups, we were able to purchase suitable gifts.

We had such a nice lot of beautifully dressed dolls, but no little girls to be their Mammas, since all our little girls have been transferred to another school. However these dolls have all found Mammas now, among the little girls of the Cecilia Jeffrey School. Again, thank you all very much.

Kathleen Rusaw, Matron, Indian Residential School, Birtle.

NEW FILM STRIP FOR CHILDREN

"Little Mountain Sister — Ya Yun, of Formosa" tells the story of an eleven-year-old girl in that country — her home, pets, School and Church. The Film Strip is in colour, 45 frames with a script. It would be suitable for use with C. O. C., Explorers, or in the Church School. Rental—$1.00. Order from the Audio-Visual Department, Presbyterian Church in Canada, 63 St. George St., Toronto 5, Ontario.

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KOOTENAY PRESBYTERIAL — Delegates from *Trail, Creston, Cranbrook,* and *Kimberley,* attended the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Cranbrook,* when President, Mrs. J. Jarett, of Kimberley, presided, and the Guest Speaker, Miss J. Boyden, of the China Inland Mission, now on furlough from *Taiwan,* told of her work with the young people there. The Theme for the Meeting was "Study to show thyself approved unto God", (2 Timothy—2—15), and other Speakers were Mrs. I. LeHuguet, Synodical Vice-President, and Miss May Nutt, Regional Secretary for *British Columbia,* who told of her work. Officers for 1963 were installed by Mrs. I. LeHuguet. The Rev. E. I. McPhee, B.Ed., of *Trail* gave the Dedicatory Prayer.

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL —*President* Mrs. J. L. W. McLean, conducted all sessions of the Annual Meeting of *Victoria* Presbyterial, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Victoria,* when Special Guests were Miss Lily Simpson, of *India;* Synodical Vice-President, Mrs. I. LeHuguet; and Miss May Nutt, Regional Secretary for B.C. Delegates were present from *Port Alberni, Nanaimo, Duncan, Sooke,* and *Victoria.* At the Opening Evening Meeting St. Andrew's Explorer Group gave a Presentation, and the C.G.I.T. Group conducted the Devotions, and presented an Anniversaries' Pageant, "Forward Through the Ages." Miss E. Wilson was Narrator, and Miss Susan Watson was Soloist. Miss Lily Simpson, the Guest Speaker, spoke that evening on "My 35 Years in *India,"* showing slides, and, at a later Meeting, showed slides of Medical work in *India,* and spoke on *"Tomorrow In India."* Dr. Mary Roberts, former medical missionary in *India,* conducting morning and afternoon Devotions gave inspirational messages on "Prayer," and "The Cross," and Dr. A. A. Rattray, Past Moderator of Presbytery, gave the closing Prayer. Annual Reports from the various Secretaries were presented and discussed and the 1963 Executive was installed by Synodical Vice-President, Mrs. I. LeHuguet.

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL—President Miss S. V. Scott, presided at the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, in Grace Presbyterian Church, *Calgary*, when Mr. E. W. Caspbell, Clerk of Session, welcomed delegates, and introduced the Rev. Dr. J. A. Munro, Superintendent of Missions, who, happening to be in the City, brought greetings from the Board of Missions. Dr. F. S. Morley, Pastor of Grace Church, brought greetings from *Calgary* Presbytery. The Rev. G. A. Hadjiantoniou, Pastor of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* was Guest Speaker at the Evening Session, held in the new Memorial Chapel, his subject being "No Time To Falter."

At the Opening Session, Mrs. L. E. Bowes, Miss Jean McLagan, Mrs. R. M. Craig, and Mrs. A. P. Forester, conducted a Panel Discussion, on the work of the family of W. M. S. Groups. Under the Leadership of Miss Barbara Woodruff, Miss Shirley Scott, and Miss Margaret McLagan, a Panel was presented on the effectual use of Visual Aids and Film Strips. Miss Ruth Bothelo, Deaconess of Grace Presbyterian Church, conducted the Afternoon Service of Worship, and encouraging Secretarial Reports were received. Welcome and Welfare Secretary, Mrs. M. A. C. McCallum, reported a new project undertaken in 1962, whereby all *Calgary* Presbyterian Churches, in turn, did weekly Hospital visitation —over 1,200 visits having been made since May.

Dinner was provided by the Mary Martha Group of Grace Fellowship, and served by Elizabeth Rae W. M. S. Auxiliary, and the Anniversary Pages were dedicated by Mrs. Scott Sinclair. The Healy Willan Girl's Choir sang at the Evening Service, and the Film Strip, "This Sustaining Bread" was shown. The Rev. Edmund Seress, Minister of Calvin Hungarian Presbyterian Church, installed the 1963 Executive, with Mrs. H. Magnuson elected as President.

Miss Ruth Bothelo, Deaconess, was Guest Speaker at the Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Grace Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* when Mrs. Frank Burns was installed as President.

Mrs. F. S. Morley installed the 1963 Executive of the Elizabeth Rae Affiliated W.M.S. Group of Grace Presbyterian Church, at a Candlelight Service in the new Chapel, with Mrs. Ina Godfriet, the new President. At their January Meeting, a T.V. Dinner was held, and Miss Edna Sproule gave an illustrated Talk on her recent trip to *Europe*.

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL — Dr. G. Hodgson, Ph.D., of the Alberta Research Council, was Guest Speaker at the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial in *Strathcona* Presbyterian Church, and, showing slides, told of his recent stay in *Japan,* as Visiting Professor at Sendai University, *Japan,* and also his visit to *Formosa* and *Hong Kong*. Delegates were present from *Chau-*

vin, Killam, and *Edmonton,* and the Theme was "Yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it" (Psalm 90 verse 17). Miss Barbara Woodruff, Regional Secretary, led a Service of Dedication for the Anniversary Book Pages, and delegates were reminded of the two W.M.S. Anniversaries to be held in *Montreal* in May, 1964. Mrs. G. E. O. Scott was elected President, and the 1963 Executive was installed by the Rev. J. Biglow, S.T.M., of Westmount Presbyterian Church, Moderator of *Edmonton* Presbytery.

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL — At the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, the Rev. K. Calvin Doka, of Knox Church, *Calgary,* was Guest Speaker, and Devotional Periods were given by the Rev. George Dobie, Pastor of Knox Church, *Red Deer,* in which the Meetings were held. Annual Reports were received at the Afternoon Session, and the Anniversary Book Pages were presented to the President, by Mrs. G. Cunningham. "The Rocky Mountain House Hospital Story" was read by Mrs. Phyllis Rhein, followed by a humorous Skit depicting the trials and difficulties of the early days of the Young Women's Group of Memorial Presbyterian Church, *Rocky Mountain House.* Afternoon Tea was served in an Oriental setting, and the Study Theme "On The Rim of East Asia" was emphasized by the Film Strip "Double by 100," shown by Miss Hilda Blackwell. The Presbytery C.G.I.T. Groups formed a Choir which sang "The Lord Is My Shepherd." Miss Barbara Woodruff, Regional Secretary, conducted the Election of Officers, and the Rev. Geo. Dobie installed the 1963 Executive.

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PRINCE ALBERT PRESBYTERIAL — Eighteen C.G.I.T. members with their Leaders, held an impressive Candlelight Vesper Service in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Prince Albert,* with musical background of organ and piano, giving special effect to the Christmas Worship Service. Superintendent, Mrs. J. Cochran, with Leaders, Mrs. J. Hislop and Miss Betty Lough, assisted; Mrs. A. C. Carle was Organist, and Miss Lough, Pianist. A presentation was made by Miss Jean Fweit, Past President, on behalf of the Group, to Mrs. A. Burt, former C.G.I.T. Superintendent. Members of Christina Mills, and Lucy Baker, W. M. S. Auxiliaries, served refreshments at the Social Hour in the Church Hall.

Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary, gave an interesting account of her recent trip to *Belfast, Ireland* to the World Institute on Christian Education, when she was the Guest Speaker at a joint meeting of the Elena MacKay, and the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Auxiliaries, *Tisdale*. Mrs. L. Cresswell was presented with a Life Membership Certificate, by Mrs. E. Beatty, on behalf of St. Andrew's W. M. S. Auxiliary, in appreciation of her many years of loyal service in W.M.S. work, as well as in the Sunday School and with Children's Groups. The C.O.C.; Explorers; and C.G.I.T. attended the Meeting and the C.G.I.T. members, with their Leader, Mrs. A. Fairbairn, served lunch.

The Annual Meeting of *Prince Albert* Presbyterial was held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Prince Albert*, with President, Mrs. J. Hislop, presiding. Special guests were Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary, Miss Isabelle Bailey, Synodical President, and Mrs. B. Wyllie, Presbyterial Deaconess, and the Theme was from Psalm 90, "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." The Rev. G. A. Johnston, B.D., addressed the Open Meeting, and Mrs. Wyllie explained the Explorer Star Ceremony and the C.G.I.T. Initiation and Affiliation Services, after which the Explorer Leaders, under Mrs. G. A. Johnston, Superintendent, presented red, blue, and gold stars to 22 girls, to mark their progress. C.G.I.T. Superintendent, Mrs. J. Cochran, conducted the C.G.I.T. Initiation and Re-Affiliation Services, which concluded with Candle-Lighting, and the presentation of a cheque from the C.G.I.T. to Presbyterial Treasurer, Mrs. F. Dixon. A trio from the Lucy Baker W. M. S. Auxiliary sang, and C.G.I.T. members received the Offering.

The James Nisbet Auxiliary of the W. M. S. of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Prince Albert*, presented a Life Membership to a faithful member, Mrs. G. LaClaire, at their Christmas Meeting. At the Special Holiday Luncheon, Mrs. A. I. Mahoney, the oldest member, said Grace, and an hour of social fellowship followed.

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Northside Presbyterian Church, *Regina*, in the midst of the worst weather of the winter. Delegates from *Yorkton, Estevan,* and *Whitewood* were weather-bound, but many others gathered for an interesting and enthusiastic Meeting, at which President, Mrs. W. Givens Smith presided. The Rev. Graeme E. Duncan, Minister of Northside Church, conducted the Worship Services, on the Theme, "Pray, Study, Serve." Convened by Mrs. C. McIntyre, the Presbyterial Executive provided Buffet Supper for more than fifty people, following which the Very Rev. Dr. N. D. Kennedy, Moderator of the Presbytery of *Assiniboia*, brought greetings. A framed Life Membership Certificate and Pin were presented to Mrs. C. McIntyre.

In the evening, the C.G.I.T.

Group of Calvin Presbyterian Church held an Affiliation Service, after which the Rev. Alex R. Joshua, B.D., Pastor of Walter Martin Memorial Church, *Regina,* formerly of *India,* told of the W.M.S. work on the *Jhansi Mission Field.* Mrs. S. Adrian, gave the Presbyterial History, and Miss Lyle Smith, of *Moosomin,* showed the Minute Book, kept by her Mother, who was Secretary of the first W. M. S. Group in Southern Saskatchewan, dating back to 1892. Secretary, Mrs. W. T. McLean presented pages for the Anniversary Book to the Presbyterial President, and members of the *Indian Head* Groups, presented the drama "The Trouble Shooter" from the Resource Book, "Add An Answer." The Rev. I. S. Wishart, of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, told of the 1962 Presbyterial Camps, and Mrs. W. G. Smith outlined the Five-Year-Development Programme for the new Camp. Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary, closed the Meeting with a challenging message to Officers and Members, on their respective duties.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — The Thornton Group, of Calvin Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* has been assigned a Nursing Home, whose patients they visit regularly. Quarterly Birthday Parties are held; papers and magazines are regularly supplied; and special Christmas gifts are given, regardless of Church affiliation.

Rosetown reports a new W. M. S. Auxiliary — the Evelyn Murdock Auxiliary — the result of the frequent visiting among the young married women of the congregation, by Mrs. R. Wiseman and Mrs. R. Manning in preparation for its formation.

The C.G.I.T. Group of *Rosetown* entertained the Senior ladies of the congregation at a party, where Miss Margaret Boyd showed pictures of her trip to *Europe.* The girls provided transportation, and the pleasant evening closed with Worship Service, conducted by Miss Marjorie Powell.

Mrs. B. Edwards was re-elected President at the Annual Meeting of Saskatoon Presbyterial, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon.* Mrs. B. Manning, of *Rosetown,* reported on the W. M. S. Training Centre, in *Edmonton*; the Rev. M. Nicholson urged the co-operation of parents in sending young people to the *Saskatoon* Summer School; the Rev. D. Miles told of the progressive Programme started at Camp Christopher for Senior Boys; Mr. Ron McGraw, on furlough from *Nigeria* told of his work at the Hope Waddell Training Institute, in *Nigeria,* and stressed the need for young people to give themselves in full-time work of the Church, at home and Overseas.

At the Explorer Open Night, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon*, four members received the first Blue Star; one received her first Red Star, and two received their second Blue Star. Worship Service was conducted by the girls, under the Leadership of Mrs. George Dempster, and the Skit "Escape," adapted from the Study Book, "Tiger Tail Village" was given, Tea was served to the guests, and "Chinese Sesame Seed Cakes" were featured. Mrs. George Brent and Mrs. George Dempster are Leaders of this Explorer Group.

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in the new Christian Education Wing of First Presbyterian Church, *Brandon,* with President, Mrs. R. J. Hood, presiding. The Morning Devotional was given by the Rev. D. S. Paterson, of *Hartney,* and Mrs. George Bain, of *Brandon* conducted the Remembrance Service. Mrs. D. Thomson, *Brandon* was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Glen Milliken. Each Secretary spoke briefly to her own mimeographed report, and at the Afternoon Tour of the Christian Education Wing, questions relevant to the work of W.M.S. and Church were placed in every room, and a showing of "Double By 100," the film strip on work in Formosa climaxed the tour.

Miss Helen Tetley, National Secretary for Teen-Age Work, of *Toronto* was Guest Speaker, and Mrs. J. J. Thomson, of *Carberry,* Convener of the Historical Committee, gave an interesting Report concerning the preparations for the 1964 Anniversaries in *Montreal.* Mrs. W. H. Vopni, of *Portage la Prairie* presented the Nominating Report, and Miss Mary Lou Funston, Presbytery Deaconess, of *Neepawa* conducted the Installation Service. The Heather Club, of First Presbyterian Church, *Brandon* served dinner, and the Southminster Church ladies served Afternoon Tea.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL—The Nellie Tweedie Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Geraldton, Ontario,* held the first meeting of the year in the home of Mrs. M. Makkreil, with President, Mrs. Bowrun presiding, and leading the Devotional Period. A Moment of Silence was observed in memory of the late Mrs. V. Campbell. This Auxiliary and the Home Helpers were guests of the W.M.S. Affiliated Evening Group, when the films, "Taiwan, Unknown Island," and "Future In Their Hands" were shown in the Church. Mrs. Tweedie reported the World Day of Prayer Meeting, and Mrs. C. M. Smith outlined this year's Study, "The Rim of East Asia." Delegates appointed to attend the Annual Presbyterial Meeting, in

First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur* were Mrs. J. Nelson and Mrs. Isabelle Marsh. The Rev. W. B. Macodrum, B.A., was Guest Speaker, and conducted the Installation of Officers for 1963.

Corrected Item — The Affiliated Evening Guild of the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Fort William,* at their Christmas Meeting, presented a Life Membership to Mrs. W. J. Bell, a still very active Past President of the Guild. Mrs. H. J. Loney, President of *Manitoba* Synodical, made the presentation, on behalf of the Guild.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in First Presbyterian Church, *Kenora, Ontario.* Delegates from *Winnipeg* and adjacent points, travelling by chartered bus, were served lunch by the *Kenora* Ladies Guild, following registration. The Theme of the Meeting was "Remember That Thou Magnify His Works Which Men Beheld" (Job 36-24); Presbyterial President, Mrs. F. Lloyd Jones, presided; and the *Kenora* Auxiliary conducted Devotions. Reports were presented by Recording Secretary, Miss Winnifred Nash; Treasurer, Miss Jane Dunwoody; and Mrs. Estabrook, reporting on the Anniversaries' Projects, stressed the slogan "Debt-Free, for '63," as a goal for the givings to the National Project, Winnipeg Fellowship House. Mrs. G. W. Bradley, Hospital Visitor, reported that she visited an average of between 20 and 25 patients each week. The Literature Secretaries, Misses Isobel and Margaret Adams, presented a splendid Book Display which received much interest and attention at recess time. Chairmen of the Study on Reports were Miss Dorothy Keller — Children's, Girls', Evening and Afternoon Groups; Mrs. A. J. McJannet — Library, Press, Welcome and Welfare, Historian, Life Membership; Miss Millicent Kerr — Home Helpers, Literature, Glad Tidings, and Supply. A Question Box was set up to receive questions and suggestions.

Following Afternoon Tea, a trip was made to Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, started first by the Mission Board, at *Shoal Lake, Manitoba,* at the beginning of the century, and brought to a site near *Kenora* in 1930. Visitors were welcomed by Principal, Mr. Robinson; Miss Helen Ross, Deaconess; Miss Fanny Ross, Supervisor; and Miss Love, a Teacher, and taken on a tour of the School, which now has 133 Indian children in residence. Mrs. Joseph Sinclair, an Indian W.M.S. member, interviewed by the President, told of the uplift in the life of the Reserve, through the message of the Church, and hoped that the W.M.S. would continue to be unwavering in their witness. Dinner was served by the Guild Ladies, when Greetings were brought by the Rev. Alex McSween from *Manitoba* Synod; Rev. W. G. MacLean, D.D., *Winnipeg,* from

Presbytery; Mr. Byers, first Principal of the present School and now Reeve of the Municipality of *Jeffrey Malek*, in which the School is situated, also brought Greetings; and both *Brandon* and *Superior* Presbyterials sent written Greetings. Members were welcomed by the Rev. J. D. Marnock.

A Service of Remembrance, at the Evening Session, was conducted by Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon, and the Guest Speaker was Miss Mabel Booth, National Children's Work Secretary. Mr. Willard Allan, of First Presbyterian Church Choir, was Soloist, and Miss Agnes Morrison presented the appreciation of the Presbyterial to First Church for the warm welcome and hospitality received. Miss Isobel Adams gave the Report of the Nominating Committee and Mrs. Digby Wheeler presided at the election of Officers, when Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon became the new President.

Delegates and Members' on Sunday morning, attended Service at First Presbyterian Church, when Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon, the newly-elected President, assisted by Miss Dorothy Keller, Regional Secretary, conducted the Service. Miss Dorothy McCombie, Down-Town Mission Worker in *Winnipeg,* was the Speaker, and Miss Mabel Booth, due to the illness of the Rev. J. D. Marnock, conducted the Installation of Officers. Following the Service, a Tour of the *Lake of the Woods Reception Centre* was taken, where Mr. and Mrs. Morrison are in Charge. This Centre provides a home for the brief stop-overs of Indian people coming into *Kenora.* Lunch was again served by the Ladies Guild before delegates returned to *Winnipeg.* Since this was the first Annual Presbyterial Meeting ever held out of *Winnipeg,* it was of real historic interest.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL — The World Day of Prayer Service was held in *Highgate* United Church, where ladies from the Presbyterian, United, and Anglican Churches joined together, and Mrs. Trevor Lewis, of *Duart* Presbyterian Church was the Speaker. Mrs. A. W. Barker was Soloist, and Mrs. Wallace Attridge and Mrs. Allan Fenton took part in the Service.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* has been greatly saddened by the death of a faithful and well-loved member, Mrs. C. L. Cowan, the wife of their Minister, who is a Past Moderator of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Cowan, the President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary for many years, was an Honorary Member of the W.M.S., and has served this congregation, with her husband, for the past 38 years. Her loss will be keenly felt, and sincere sympathy is extended to her husband, family and friends, and to her Church, in which she has worked so faithfully, and for so many years.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL—The Ruth Buchanan C.O.C. of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Colborne,* in addition to their regular Mission Study and handiwork, have a really new project for this year — they hope to supply milk to 400 Korean children for one month! The Minister, the Rev. J. R. Esler, addressed their Meeting, and told of his experiences as a Student-Missionary in *British Columbia.* Two new Leaders, Mrs. Alex McMay Jr., and Mrs. D. House, are assisting Leaders, Mrs. E. Russell and Mrs. P. D'Alton, with this Group.

The Annual Meeting of Niagara Presbyterial was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *St. Catharines,* with President Mrs. E. Spencer, of *Fort Erie,* in the Chair. The Sacrament of Holy Communion was conducted by the Minister of the Church, the Rev. Ross K. Thompson, B.A., who, with Mrs. W. R. Alguire, welcomed the visitors. Mrs. E. C. McCullough, and Mrs. R. Cowell, of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Dunnville,* conducted the Memorial Service, and the Evening Devotions were given by Mrs. E. Spencer, on the Theme "First They Gave Themselves." Soloists were Mrs. Gillingham, and Mrs. G. S. Dearing, with organ accompaniment by Mrs. Hannehson, Church Organist. Miss Clare Hanes, Regional Secretary, took part in the Programme, and the Rev. Granville Taylor Munro, of *Fort Erie,* Moderator, of Presbytery, brought Greetings, and also installed the Officers for 1963. The Rev. and Mrs. Geoffrey Johnson, on furlough from *Nigeria,* were unable to be present due to difficulties of travel.

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NORTH BAY PRESBYTERIAL — At the Annual Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Burks Falls,* held at the home of Mrs. D. Graham, the President, Mrs. F. Pemberton, conducted the Christmas Service of Worship from "The Glad Tidings." A Life Membership Certificate was presented to Mrs. L. Boucher, by Mrs. D. Graham and Mrs. Fred Pemberton. Mrs. A. Kennedy gave a Paper on "The Meaning of Giving," and Officers for 1963 were installed by Mrs. D. Graham. Lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. A. Kennedy and Mrs. J. Winters.

SAUGEEN PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. J. Perkins, presided at both sessions of the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, and Worship Services were conducted by Mrs. Forster, *Palmerston,* and Mrs. W. I. Coutts, of *Conn.* Mrs. J. Alexander, of *Durham* conducted an "In

Memoriam" Service for three late members. Mrs. W. J. Saunders and Mrs. G. Coutts, demonstrated a Flip Chart, showing the W.M.S. Organization and History, and the Anniversary Book Pages were presented by Mrs. Machesney, Historian, and dedicated by Mrs. Clements, of *Palmerston*. The Rev. J. Wilkie, of *Harriston,* brought Presbytery greetings. Annual Reports were received, and Treasurer, Mrs. D. McIsaac, reported increased givings. A Bus trip was planned for the Synodical Meeting, and the film "Rim of East Asia" was shown. Mrs. J. Morten, of *Arthur* was Soloist, and the Rev. J. N. Balsdon, of *Arthur* conducted the Installation of the 1963 Executive.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL. — Miss Gwen Oliver and Miss Margaret Cork, recent Guest Speakers at the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Weston* Presbyterian Church, showed pictures, and told of their trip to the *Orient,* where they visited their seven foster children, in *East Africa, India, Formosa, Korea,* and *Hong Kong.* At the February Meeting of this Auxiliary, the Rev. Dr. J. Allan Munro, Secretary of Home Missions, was Guest Speaker. Mrs. H. Cooper and Mrs. E. Edwards sang two duets, and the Vote of Thanks was presented by Mrs. V. N. Jennett.

Mrs. A. S. Curr, Council President, was Guest Speaker at a recent meeting of the Mary Weatherall W.M.S. Auxiliary of Runnymede Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* and conducted the Installation of Officers. An Honorary Membership was presented to Mrs. F. Smith, and a Life Membership Certificate was given to Mrs. E. Robertson. The Retiring President, Mrs. W. A. Watson, was presented with a Life Membership Pin by Mrs. H. Talbot.

At the Annual Meeting of West Toronto Presbyterial, held in Wychwood Presbyterian Church, *Toronto*, President, Mrs. John C. McFarlane, presided, and the Theme was "Faith." The Rev. Dr. A. A. Lowther, Minister of this Church, spoke on this Theme in his inspirational Address. Greetings were brought by the Rev. J. K. Lattimore, Presbytery Moderator, who also installed the 1963 Executive. Miss Frieda E. Matthews, Director of Immigration for the Presbyterian Church in Canada, was Guest Speaker and described her work in *Eastern Canada Ports.* "As individuals, we need to have an understanding of the problems, and a desire to help the newcomers to become established in a new way of life in Canada," she said. Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary, using a Flip-Chart, reviewed the Departmental Reports, and an interesting feature of the Afternoon Session was "The Story of A Bale," from its packing in a local Auxiliary until the contents were received and distributed in a Mission Field.

EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — At the meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Markham,* Mrs. Herb Thomas presented a beautiful Memorial to the memory of the late Mrs. H. S. Graham, and, also in memory of Mrs. Graham, presented a Life Membership to Mrs. Wm. McEachern. Also presented to Mrs. McEachern, was the Life Membership Pin which had been a treasured possession of the late Miss Mina Sommerville, and returned to the Auxiliary after her death.

An evening of Worship, Education, and Fellowship was enjoyed when the *West Hill* United Church Explorers and their Leader, were guests at a joint meeting of the Girls' Guild, and the Explorers, of *Melville* Presbyterian Church, under the direction of Miss Marion Wilson. A number of Mothers, and members of Adult Groups, attended to learn of *Hong Kong,* and how the Bible Society works there, printing and distributing Gospels and Bibles, to meet ever-increasing demands. The Rev. Mr. Stanway, Secretary of the Canadian Bible Society, showed an informative film on this subject, and answered many questions.

The Young Women's Missionary Group of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, *Toronto*, celebrated a 30th Anniversary, when Mr. Don Cameron, founder of the Young Men's Bible Class, spoke to 160 guests on "Christian Work — Past and Present." The Devotional Period was given by Mrs. Robert Evans, President, Mrs. M. L. Young, and Mrs. Christopher Chamberlain. Dr. Archibald Young was Soloist. On behalf of the Group, the President, Mrs. Evans, made a presentation to Mrs. Young, in appreciation of her many years of loyal service. Mr. Bill Pratt led a Sing-Song, and the lighting of three Birthday Cakes concluded the Meeting.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — "Advance Thy Church, O God," was the Theme of the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, in First Presbyterian Church, *Brockville,* when Mrs. C. Brown presided, and Mrs. T. R. Gates, of *Brockville,* Synodical President, was Guest Speaker. Morning Devotions were led by Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary; Afternoon Devotions were conducted by the *Prescott* W.M.S. Auxiliary. Greetings from Presbytery were presented by the Moderator, the Rev. A. J. Morrison, of *Prescott;* Mrs. M. J. McInnes spoke for the Minister and Kirk Session of the Hostess Church; Mrs. C. Nesbitt, for the Ladies Aid, and Mrs. R. D. Ledgerwood, for the W.M.S. Departmental Reports were received and members of the *Ventner* W.M.S. Auxiliary closed the Morning Session with Prayer.

A Panel on "The W.M.S. in Relation to the Women of the Church," led by Mrs. George Montgomery was a highlight of the Afternoon Session. Mrs. J. Green was Soloist. Mrs. R. L. Armstrong presented the slate of Officers, and these were installed by Mrs. T. R. Gates. The Rev. Leslie Renault, Minister of First Presbyterian Church, closed the Sessions with the Benediction.

LANARK AND RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL — A Life Membership Pin was presented to Mrs. William Chapman, by the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Pembroke,* as a tribute to her loyal and faithful work as Treasurer of the Auxiliary for almost twenty - four years.

MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Melville Presbyterian Church, *Westmount, Quebec,* when the Guest Speakers were the Rev. C. M. Costerus, Missionary on furlough from *Formosa,* and Miss Ellen V. Haw, of *Toronto,* Chairman of the Anniversaries Committee.

On "Youth Day," held in February, the C.O.C., Explorers, and C.G.I.T. groups met in Ephraim Scott Memorial Presbyterian Church for worship and fellowship. Sunday, February 10th was observed as Missions Sunday in many Churches of the Presbytery, when Ministers gave special emphasis to Missions and the W.M.S. This Presbyterial gratefully reports five new Youth Groups, and one new Young Women's Auxiliary, as well as an increase in the year's givings of $675.00.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of *Ottawa* Presbyterial was held for two days in St. Giles Presbyterian Church, *Ottawa,* with President, Mrs. Peace Montgomery, presiding at all sessions. The Opening Worship Service was conducted by the Rev. Ross K. Cameron, C.D., M.A., D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and members of Presbytery were Supper Guests, when Presbytery Moderator, the Rev. J. A. Johnston, brought greetings, and later conducted the Worship Service. The Guest Speaker, Miss Beatrice Scott, of the *Bhil Field, India,* told of her work there, and at a later Meeting showed interesting slides. Devotional Periods were conducted by the Erskine W.M.S. Auxiliary, and by Mrs. H. S. Philpott, President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Giles Presbyterian Church. Secretarial Reports were given and the pages of the "In Remembrance" Anniversary Book were received, after which Supper was served by the ladies of the hostess Church. A special feature was the welcome from *Ottawa* Presbyterial to Mrs. James Stewart, of *Richmond,* who was attending her 73rd Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial. Officers for 1963 were installed by Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., and the year's work was dedicated by Mrs. G. H. Sparks.

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EASTER SUNDAY IN NEW YORK!

by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

WHEN YOU will be reading these words, it will be around the middle of May, and Easter of this year, for most of us, will be a beautiful and precious memory, but for me, as I write this Article it is just the day after my unforgettable "Easter Sunday in New York," and I feel that I must tell you something about that wonderful day! For us, Easter Day began very early indeed, because we were going to be at the Easter Communion Service in the famous Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church at 8 A.M., and that meant that we must arise at 6.30 A.M. Even that early hour, however, was not an early hour for Easter Services in this huge City, of many creeds and peoples. Already Easter Sunrise Services were in progress all over this great City — in the huge Radio City Music Hall; in Central Park; on Cathedral Heights; overlooking the broad stretches of the Hudson River; in Cyprus Hills National Cemetery, where are buried some 3,170 persons from Civil War Hospitals in and around New York City; in The Cloisters, high above the City in Fort Tryon Park; and in many Churches everywhere throughout this vast and busy City — even at Idlewild Airport, the New York International Airport, which is one of the largest and busiest in the world. Here, the Easter Morning Sunrise Service began at 5 A.M., sponsored by the Federation of Churches, was held around the great fountains, just opposite the Control Tower, and the Salvation Army Band played the well-known hymns of Eastertide. The Worship Service was led by the Minister of a nearby Congregational Church, and the Easter Meditation was given by the Executive Secretary of the Federation of Churches.

It was a day of glorious sunshine, crisp breezes, and high blue skies, flowers bloomed everywhere, and already the streets were busy with Church-going people hastening to their own special places of Worship. As we stepped out of our taxi at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, a lady smiled and spoke to us, and we walked together toward the entrance into the Chapel — for this Early Morning Communion was held in the Chapel of this historic old Church, and the Church itself would be opened for the 10.30 Service. Most of the New York Churches held three Services on Easter Sunday, and, at the larger and more well-known Churches, such crowds line up for hours ahead of time that without special tickets of admission, it is difficult to get in at all. We were most fortunate, for our new-found friend was a member of this Church, and when she learned that we were Presbyterians and from Canada, she took us to her heart at once — told us much of the background of this old Church, introduced us to the Elders and Managers on duty, and even had the Caretaker unlock the door into the Church itself, so that we might see its beauty on this Easter Day, since we could not remain for the first Morning Service. Easter Lilies from Bermuda shone pure and white against the carven woodwork and the polished ash of the interior, and a great cross of Easter lilies hung high above the Choir loft; the gentle sunlight fell softly through the muted colours of the stained glass windows; and the vaulted, high-domed ceiling over the great auditorium, was of rare and old-world beauty. On the Lectern in the Sanctuary, a handsome embroidered hanging bears a Celtic Cross design, and this was sent to the Church, from Scotland, by Dr. Kelman, just after his retirement from the Pastorate.

This is a very large Church, as it would need to be, with a congregation of over 2,200 members, and visitors from all over the world coming to worship here when they are in New York. Sometimes it is called "The Cathedral of Presbyterianism," in its own land. There has been a succession of famous Ministers, whose names are forever enshrined in Presbyterian annals, and who have been world-famous for their power and influence. These have included Dr. John Hall; Dr. Jowett, whose personality and preaching so filled this vast Church, that in 1916, sometimes as many as 1,600 would-be-worshippers were turned away from Services for lack of room; Dr. Kelman, of Edinburgh — "a true-blue Scots Presbyterian;" the Rev. Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell, born in Prince Edward Island and called to this Church from Winnipeg, Manitoba; who has just recently retired, and whose preaching and writing have made him an outstanding name in the annals of Presbyterian Ministry. Even yet, there are many who think of this Church as "Bonnell's Church." He has been succeeded by the Rev. Bryant M. Kirkland, D.D., L.L.D., whom we met and talked with, and whose remembrance and hospitable welcome warmed our hearts indeed.

The lovely Chapel, in which we received Communion, from the hands of Dr. Kirkland and his Assistant, was filled to overflowing, and the Communion Service was the same simple, dignified, and heart-touching

Service, in which we partake in our own home Churches — in all Presbyterian Churches the world over — from plain little wayside Churches to huge and famous Churches such as this one. The family of Presbyterians is the same in warmth, in Service, and in friendliness, wherever one may join them! The Chapel, itself, is very lovely, and was built in Dr. Kelman's time. Beautiful stained glass windows frame the Altar, and the muted colours fell softly over the Communion table, and those who served the Sacrement of Communion. A smaller Chapel at the side of this one holds the Baptismal Font, and is often used for small weddings and other special Events. As we came out, so many spoke to us that we felt completely at home.

This historic old Presbyterian Church began away back in 1808, at a time when Protestantism was on the threshold of the epic expansion which was to make it the fastest growing religious faith in the modern world. I had never realized before, however, that there *was* a time when the first Presbyterians in New York were a persecuted and despised minority—or that the British Colonial Government in New York set its face firmly against the spread of British Non-Conformism within its jurisdiction. New York was then known as "the safe Royalist and Anglican stronghold," and the various Governors endeavored to keep it so. Indeed, in 1707, when the Rev. Francis Makemie came from Northern Ireland to do Missionary work in Maryland and Virginia, was later made Moderator of the first Presbyterian Synod in Philadelphia, and passing through New York was refused permission to preach from the pulpit of the Dutch Reformed Church, he gathered the few Presbyterians together in a private house, and preached a rousing Sermon. As a result, he was thrown into jail for six weeks, and Lord Cornbury, the Governor, wrote home to the London Board of Trade — "I entreat your Lordship's protection against this malicious man, who is well known in Virginia and Maryland to be a disturber of the peace and quiet of all places he comes into. He is a jack-of-all-trades; he is a preacher, a Doctor of Physic, a merchant, an attorney, or counsellor at law, and, worst of all, a disturber of governments!"

All of this seems difficult for us to realize, doesn't it? But it was so, and it was not till 1716 that the first Presbyterian congregation was gathered together in New York, and built the Wall Street Presbyterian Church, which is still going strong as First Presbyterian Church at 12th Street. But, during the American War of Independence this little Wall Street Church was used by the British Army as a Barracks and Riding Academy, and its interior was, of course, ruined! However it survived, and soon after this the Presbyterians and Congregationalists, of New York joined together and bought for $40,000 four lots on which to erect a

Church — and this was the predecessor of the present beautiful Fifth Avenue Presbyterian, whose Dedication Service at its present site was on May 9, 1875. At present its whole exterior of New Jersey stone, is covered with scaffolding, because it is undergoing a renovation which entails chipping off the surface of the stone, and is costing half a million dollars.

At the close of this Service in Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, we travelled far uptown to Cathedral Heights, and the truly magnificent Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, where we had tickets for the 11 A.M. Easter Day Service. This is the Cathedral Church of the Episcopal Church of New York, and the Service is a very high Anglican ritual—very beautiful, spectacular, impressive and solemn in its pageantry and meaning, its age-old background and tradition. It is a colossal Church, built on the fine Gothic lines of the famous old-world Cathedrals, some of which took centuries to build. This one was started in 1892, and is not entirely finished yet; when it is completed, it will be the largest example of Gothic architecture in the world! At least 5,000 people worshipped together in that vast Cathedral on this Easter Sunday; the music, the chanting, and intoning of the Service by the wonderful Choir of small boys, ranging all the way to the older men, was beyond words, both to hear and to see, as the white-surpliced procession advanced up that long, long centre aisle, and the voices of that great congregation joined in the jubilant Hymn, "Come ye faithful, raise the strain, Of triumphant gladness."

This was the day of the Reception of the Bishop of New York, the Right Reverend Horace W. B. Donegan, C.B.E., D.D., D.C.L. Three times his resounding knock on the outside of the Great Bronze Doors re-echoed through the Cathedral. Then the doors swung open, the Bishop, in his Gold Mitre and beautiful vestments, was received by the Dean of the Cathedral, as he said "Alleluia. The Lord is risen," to which the Dean replied "The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia." The Bishop intoned "This is the day which the Lord hath made," and the answer was, "We will rejoice and be glad in it." The ritual greeting continued—Bishop—"Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast, the Lord is risen from the tomb." Dean — "Who for our sakes hung upon the tree. Alleluia." Bishop—"Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with reverence the Paschal Feast, may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord. In Thy resurrection, O Christ, Let heaven and earth rejoice, Alleluia." Then the silver trumpets rang out, and the whole beautiful procession proceeded up the long aisle to their appointed places, and the usual Easter Service followed. The sermon, preached by the Bishop, was a simple, heartfelt message of hope and inspiration, utterly devoid of pomp and grandeur. Lovely symbolical tapestries lined the stone walls; stained glass windows glowed richly behind the High Altar; and, most beautiful of all, high at the back of the Church was an exquisite "rose window," all done in glass of the most heavenly blue.

Out into the bright sunshine we came again, and down to have lunch with a dear old friend, on that part of Fifth Avenue, which, when Church Services are over, is closed to traffic, and given over entirely to the famous "Easter Parade." In the actual sense of the word, this is not a "Parade" at all — it is just hundreds and hundreds of people, dressed in their Easter finery, strolling along — looking at each other; at the pretty outfits and at the ridiculous hats and costumes; at the delightful children, each looking so sweet, so spic and span, in their pretty Spring clothes, at the dogs, all bedecked with ribbon bows, sometimes absurd little hats; one wee poodle actually wore a small black lamb jacket; all trotting along on leashes beside a Master or Mistress. Every second woman wore a gardenia, or a huge orchid — and no wonder, when they could be bought from street vendors for fifty cents apiece! Oh, the flowers — I wish I could properly describe these for you — the great concourse of Rockefeller Centre a dense mass of white Bermuda Lilies and yellow Calla lilies, almost a whole block long; every store window a picture, in gay floral arrangements; awnings camouflaged with blankets of yellow forsythia; the flowering trees in Central Park, a glory of bloom; fountains sparkling in the sun, and in the sunken Ice Rink of Rockefeller Centre, figure skaters gracefully performing. All a part of New York City, and its charm at Eastertime!

Then, a little later on, there was the great plane lifting us high into a dark velvet sky, and underneath, as we zoomed along, the myriads of lights, green, red, white and yellow, spread out far below, as in a giant fairyland — first the huge Airport itself, then the vast expanse of New York City, the ribbons of water which were Rivers, and behind it all, the distant ocean. Then higher still, 16,000 feet, with a cloud blanket below, and in what seemed no time at all, the phantasy of lights which were Toronto City and Malton Airport — and Home, somewhere down there among those myriad lights!

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HAVE FAITH!

Canst thou take the barren soil,
And with all thy pains and toil,
Make lilies blow?

Thou canst not! O helpless man,
Have faith in God.
He can!

(Selected)

FINANCIAL REPORT
January - March 1963

RECEIPTS

SYNODICAL GIVINGS:

	1962	1963
British Columbia		
Alberta		
Saskatchewan	$ 338.00	
Manitoba	486.25	
Hamilton & London	4,934.00	$10,655.25
Toronto & Kingston	2,850.60	4,110.00
Montreal & Ottawa	5,200.00	3,500.00
	$13,808.85	$18,265.25
INDIVIDUAL GIFTS	2,018.85	2,181.75
	$15,827.70	$20,447.00

DISBURSEMENTS

National Missions	$27,419.49	
Overseas Missions	43,314.54	
Organization	11,264.71	
Publications	3,670.54	
Administration	7,064.17	
Insurance and Taxes	80.63	
Students	950.00	
Christian Literature	970.00	
Grants	1,475.00	
Synodical Grants	1,225.00	
Council Meeting	9.80	
Visual Education		
Medical Insurance for Staff	617.50	
General Contingency	91.00	
	$98,152.38	
Payments from Individual Gifts	741.24	$98,893.62

PRAYER

by MISS FLORENCE GOERTZEN

Deaconess, Toronto, Ontario

Eternal and gracious God, Thou Who dost inhabit eternity, and yet dost desire to rule in the hearts of men, when we consider Thy majesty and Thy greatness, we are humbled in Thy presence. We say, with the Psalmist, "What is man that Thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that Thou visitest him?" Our hearts are filled with gratitude because Thou didst come in Thy Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem us. Help us, our Father, to live lives that we may be worthy to be called Thy children.

Our Father, wilt Thou be very near unto those that are perplexed by trials, difficulties, and problems. Wilt Thou be with them, and reveal Thyself unto them as a God who loves and cares for Thy people. May we feel Thy guiding hand through these difficulties Thou dost call us to face.

As the summer months approach and Vacation Church Schools, and Camps, are being planned for the children, wilt Thou, O God, be very near to those who plan these activities. Guide them in their plans, and in the studies they prepare. May those who teach, first be taught by Thee, so that they may teach the truths that Thou wouldst have Thy children know.

As the Auxiliaries, Groups, Presbyterials, and Synodicals close for the summer months, be with all the members, as they look forward to a time of rest and relaxation. May it be a time of refreshment for all, and may we be drawn more close to Thee. Grant unto all those who will be travelling, a safe journey wherever they may go.

Our Father, we pray for all the Students who have gone out this summer to their various fields of labour. In times of discouragement, or disillusionment, may they look to Thee, for strength to carry on with the task that Thou hast assigned unto Them. Be with the Church, wherever she seeks to serve Thee. Guide with Thy Holy Spirit, the Commissioners to the General Assembly, in all their deliberations, so that all may be done with an eye single to Thy glory, and to the advancement of Thy kingdom here on earth.

These, our prayers, we ask in, and through, the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

"FOREVER WITH THE LORD"

MRS. WILLIAM McNEILL
IN HER 103rd YEAR

On her Golden
Wedding Day

BORN ON October 22nd, 1860, Mrs. William McNeill, a faithful member of Cooke's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, since her marriage in 1886, passed on to be with her Lord on March 6th, 1963. She was active always in all the Women's work of her Church, and for more than seventy-five years was a member of the Wallace Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Cooke's Presbyterian Church. She served also in the Supply Department of the W.M.S. Presbyterial, and until a year ago contributed much in knitting and sewing.

Mrs. McNeill loved her Church, and until just a few months ago was able to be in her accustomed place of Worship every Sunday morning. When her Minister, the Rev. A. M. MacRury, M.A., visited with her shortly before her passing, she repeated to him a promise from God's Word, which she had made her own — "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

This promise, and this challenge, Mrs. McNeill leaves with our Society, as well as the happy memories of a gracious Christian lady, who will long be remembered by all who knew her during her long years of living. (Mrs. Henry Rogers—Secretary Wallace W.M.S. Auxiliary)

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"One glimpse of brighter skies beyond the gathering mists;
To make this life more worth-while,
And Heaven, a surer heritage!" (Selected)

WHAT IS "SUPPLY?"

by (MRS. JOHN) HELEN COOPER

Supply Secretary

LET ME TELL YOU about the Supply Department — which has such appeal for many of the members of our Women's Missionary Society! In the minds of many of our people Supply means "bales." But there is another side to Supply. In addition to the stewardship of our talents there is the stewardship of our money.

A number of years ago, there was a great need for large amounts of clothing, to help those who were destitute in many of our communities and on the Reserves. Today the picture is changing. While a certain amount of clothing is still needed, the emphasis is being placed on the money sent to the Supply Fund, because it can do so much more than we can ever hope to do with our parcels and boxes.

In 1962, Council received and accepted an Estimate of $19,390.00 for 1963 for the Supply Department. $14,890.00 of this is to be used for overseas and $4,500.00 in Canada. In order to meet this Estimate, each member would need to give at least a dollar a year to the Supply Fund.

Let us look first at the National Department and see how Supply materials and money are used there.

Last fall, letters were sent to the Missionaries on the Reserves, and to the Matrons at the Birtle and Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Schools, asking if bales were needed, and, if so, what should be included in them. Answers were received in due course, and almost all stated that bales would be appreciated. Some letters contained long lists of what should be included, while others just gave a general idea of their needs. All stressed that only new, or very good used, clothing should be sent. Lists of Christmas gifts and clothing were received from our two Schools, along with the plea that only what could be used in the Schools be sent to the Schools.

After the letters were received and carefully read, a division was made as to where each Synodical should send its material supplies. This was a little difficult. How do you divide eleven Indian Mission Fields among seven Synodicals without overlapping? Eventually, the areas of need were apportioned, and letters sent out to the seven Synodical Supply Secretaries.

The National Department uses its share of the Supply money to buy Bibles, Books of Praise, Supplies for our Vans, Scout and C.G.I.T. uniforms for Indian children, and Vacation Bible School Supplies — all these to assist our Deaconesses and Missionaries in Canada in their work for Christ's Kingdom.

Now let us consider the Overseas Department. Here is where our

Supply money can do what most of us can't do. It can go to India, Formosa, Nigeria, Japan, and British Guiana. There was a time when materials were sent Overseas from Canada, but now it is too costly to do this, and so instead the money is sent. The Missionaries use this money to purchase medical supplies for our hospitals and medical mobile units; educational and evangelistic materials and laboratory furnishings. They are able to help in time of flood and famine by having supplies of grain and powdered milk to share with those in need.

A question that has often been asked is: How do our Auxiliary members find out what is needed in the Supply Department? Through the regular channels. The Council Executive Supply Secretary gathers the information about the need for material supplies. The money Estimate for the year is divided, on a percentage basis, among the seven Synodicals. This information is sent to the Synodical Supply Secretaries who re-allocate to the Presbyterial Supply Secretaries, who, in turn, re-allocate to the Auxiliary Supply Secretaries. In other words, the complete allocation sent out from Council is broken down three times before it reaches the Auxiliaries.

What is "Supply?" It is a tremendous opportunity to use our talents and our money to say "we care" to those in need, in Canada and Overseas. How thankful we should be that God has blessed us, that we in turn may bless others in His name!

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PERFECT LOVE

By Marjorie Cunningham

I searched for my Saviour, 'mid life's busy throng,
In vast city streets, running hither and yon,
I found Him at last, as I longed for repose,
When I stood still, and looked in the heart of a rose!

I thought of the promise He made long ago,
"I am with you always — have I not told you so?"
Then I knew Him again, patient, tender, and wise
As I saw the love shining in my Mother's eyes!

I'm glad that I've found Him, in things that are near;
In the flowers and sunshine, and friends who are dear,
He left me His perfect Love, never to part,
And suddenly I found Him — there in my heart!

AS ONE WHO SERVES . . . AS A MEMBER OF A SYNODICAL EXECUTIVE

(*The thoughts expressed in this article were given to the Adult Committee by Mrs. John Newstead, former President of the Synodical of Toronto and Kingston, who had consulted with other Synodical Executive members. The thoughts have been put down in this article by Mrs. George Peckover, Chairman of the Adult Committee.*)

MRS. BROWN had been president of her local Women's Missionary Society group for three years. During that time she had attended Presbyterial Executive meetings regularly, and had become interested in the workings of the Presbyterial. When the Literature Secretary moved to another province in the middle of the year, she agreed to try to fill this position. On the advice of the Presbyterial president, Mrs. Brown arranged to meet Mrs. Gray, the Literature Secretary of the Synodical. They spent some time talking together while Mrs. Gray outlined the mechanics of the job of Literature Secretary, and pointed out the many opportunities Mrs. Brown would have to help local group members find satisfaction and stimulation in their reading. She offered to attend the next big Presbyterial meeting to help Mrs. Brown.

Their business finished, the two ladies settled back for a chat over a cup of tea. Mrs. Brown was interested in the work of the Synodical, and wondered why Mrs. Gray had chosen to serve on the Synodical Executive.

"When I was asked to become Literature Secretary of the Synodical, my first response was to say no," said Mrs. Gray. "I loved working on the Presbyterial Executive. I enjoyed the many contacts that I had with the local group members, in my visits to their meetings and at our Annual Meetings, Rallies, and Conferences. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee pointed out to me that I have a gift of giving enthusiasm for literature to women, and that, as Synodical Secretary, I could pass this enthusiasm to the other Secretaries in the Presbyterial. She asked me to think of the value to the whole Synodical, if the literature department in each Presbyterial was operating as mine was. Of course I discounted more than half of her complimentary remarks, but she did challenge me to try to reach this goal. I am using my own office as Literature Secretary, as an example of the relationship that should exist between Presbyterial and Synodical offices.

"We, on the Synodical Executive, act as liaison between the Presbyterial officer and the corresponding officer on Council Executive. We gather information from the Presbyterials, from this we evaluate progress toward the achieving of the Aim and Purpose of the Women's Missionary Society. Through us, the problems and requests of the local group members reach Council Executive. If Council Executive wishes to send suggestions to local groups, our Executive is the first step. It is our job to pass the information on to Presbyterial Executives, and to endeavour to give them the enthusiasm to pass it along to the local groups. The misunderstanding of the importance of a message can cause it to lose its significance and be lost, somewhere between Council and the local group member. Synodical Presidents are members of Council Executive. The Presidents of the three Synodicals near Toronto are able to attend Council Executive each month. The other Presidents receive the minutes, and any other important information. It is too bad that distances are so great, and travel so expensive, or all the Presidents could be there for every meeting.

"Our Annual and Semi-Annual Meetings provide information and inspiration to Presbyterial officers and local group members. Sometimes we have Training Sessions at these. The Regional Secretaries, who work with our Executive, are able to advise us of the training needs of the local group members, with whom they have been in contact. Our open meetings are often the only opportunity that our members have of seeing beyond their local area. Few members in Canada are able to attend Council meetings. At our meetings they have an opportunity to meet the President of Council, or possibly one of the Directors. The people and the work, that have just been a name to them in the past, become a living reality. This enthusiasm they are able to take back with them to their local groups.

"Of course I am an active member of the group in my own Church and am ready to help whenever they need me. Sometimes Presbyterial Literature Secretaries ask personally for my help, and I am only too glad to give it. Members of Synodical executive are often asked to give leadership at Presbyterial Meetings and Workshops. Sometimes we are asked to speak at Sectional Meetings, or local group meetings.

"The women serving as members of a Synodical Executive would feel that their thoughts could best be expressed from Romans 12:4-5 'For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: so we being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.' "

PRESBYTERIAN W.M.S. TRAINING CENTRES
1963

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OF
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ONTARIO

Mrs. Stewart

Now in her 92nd year, Mrs. James Stewart, of Ottawa, attended all Sessions of the recent Annual Ottawa Presbyterial Meetings for the 73rd consecutive time. Surely a record few W.M.S. members could equal!

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AGE

Grow old along with me!
The best is yet to be;
The last of life, for which the first
was made;
Our times are in His hand,
Who saith, "A whole I planned,
Youth shows but half,
Trust God; see all; nor be afraid!"

Robert Browning.

Sharing in Canadian Missions

FRENCH PROTESTANTS IN QUEBEC

by (MADAME ANDRE) HELENE POULAIN

(*Wife of the Rev. Andre Poulain, B.A., B.D., S.T.M. Minister of Eglise St. Luc, Montreal, Quebec.*)

"The king Ahasuerus sent letters to all the royal provinces, to every province in its own language, that every man be lord in his own house and speak according to the language of his people." Esther 1:22.

IN AN ARTICLE written for this magazine which appeared in March, 1961, I told of the joy of French-speaking Protestants at having obtained the establishment of a French Protestant school, "Peace Centennial," in October, 1956. This event could not help but favour the development and strengthening of the French Protestant minority, since the French Protestants can keep their maternal tongue instead of anglicizing. They will remain members of the French Church which has brought them the Gospel instead of leaving to join an English one, as has been the custom for nearly a century. Nevertheless, I noted that a primary school did not completely solve the problem, since the young who wanted to pursue their studies had to follow courses in an English Protestant institution. A French Protestant secondary school was a must.

Indeed, in September 1961, the Protestant School Board of Montreal agreed to start an 8th grade French class, and promised to start a new class each year till a regular secondary school was established. Thus at the end of the school year 1964-65, the French Protestant High School will be able to grant the "French Junior Matriculation" graduate certificate. From this time French Protestants, while learning also English, will be able truly to remain faithful to their tongue and culture. This will not only be profitable to *French Protestant communities,* which will not find themselves inexorably drained of a part of their members, but also to the whole Quebec metropolitan population, which will see develop in its midst a Protestant minority claiming its language.

Indeed the Church should not live to itself; a community should not desire to strengthen itself for the sole benefit of the members, because its principal task is to be a light to the world. The French language communities, therefore, have the responsibility to testify of their faith in the heart of the French population of Catholic tradition to help it *rediscover the Gospel in all its purity.* For this reason, it is essential that missionary work among the French population leave the maternal tongue to the older and newer members, so as not to separate them from their surroundings and from their ethnic group. It should, on the contrary, make them discover their responsibility towards their people. This is true not only for French Canadians but also for new Canadians of French language, whether of French, Swiss or Belgian origin.

At a time when French Canada is in full renaissance, the little Protestant minority should, more than ever, open itself to the world, to associate itself to this awakening and as much as possible, orientate it.

For several years we have followed with joy the efforts put forth to give back to the French language, adulterated during the last two centuries, its original purity. In the French schools, on the radio and television, universal French is set forth more and more as the only acceptable one. Cultural exchanges between Canada and France are more and more frequent, and a certain number of Professors of different universities in France are invited to give lectures during the school year, and during the summer at the University of Montreal and at McGill. The French Book Exhibition in Montreal last April was the most important manifestation of this kind that has taken place—book-stands from France, Switzerland, and Belgium, were neighbours to those of Canada. The theatre has taken a great leap in the last ten years. Excellent plays are offered by companies whose members have made successful appearances in France. French Canadian culture takes a new lease on life, because French Canadian intellectuals no longer deny modern French culture and seek at the same time to choose their own path on this continent.

But what part is French Protestantism to play in all this intellectual activity? It is small. It is true that the opening of the Vatican Council II has been accompanied, at least for Canada, by a startling change of attitude on the part of Catholics toward Protestants. These latter are no longer represented as dangerous heretics, but as separated brethren, united to Catholics by their faith in Jesus Christ. Also, from time to time, some French Protestant Minister, or some times a Protestant layman, is invited to speak over the radio, or on television, about Christian unity, or of some other problem that has been outlined.

Public meetings between Catholics and Protestants have also been organized by Catholics in connection with Christian unity week, but their orientation is often deceiving (I think in particular of one organized in a Russian Church) since most Priests, like John XXIII, persist in believing, and in wanting the public to believe, that the union will take place under the aegis of Rome.

The problem of unity will not be presented with truth and clarity until Protestantism is allowed to make its voice freely heard. Protestantism ought to receive citizenship in radio and television; broadcast time would permit Protestantism to reveal its real character, the contents of its faith in Jesus Christ. However, till now, all efforts by the Ministers addressed to the Broadcasters have run up against this answer, "We are at the service of the Catholic Church". Thus, as an open-minded practising Catholic put it: "Why so much talk about unity and ecumenicity, when there is so much evidence of injustice toward French Protestants?"

Nevertheless, we have had several opportunities of knowing each other better. Dr. Poulain was invited to speak of his conception of unity in a Catholic college. The audience, composed of young people from sixteen to twenty, was intensely interested. After the talk, the questions flew back and forth. The answer given to one of these, "Why do you have Crosses but no Crucifixes in your Churches?" "Because Jesus Christ is Risen!" was followed by thunderous applause! Two young people of another College asked for an interview with Dr. Poulain, and asked him different questions in order to write an article for their magazine. Having asked also the burning question: "Your wife, is she a help or a hindrance?" they noted with satisfaction the answer: "a help".

Another group of College students, accompanied by their priest, met a number of our young people, and Dr. Poulain's assistant, Mr. Gilles Warnery, in our St. Luc's Church. They studied the Protestant and the Catholic conception of prayer. These two groups were able to speak freely, and in a fraternal spirit, which was very rewarding but they had to agree that their religious conceptions differed *profoundly one from another.*

Shortly afterwards, a student from the same College asked Dr. Poulain if he would kindly write an article for their student paper, where he would explain his conception of Christian unity, and enumerate the fundamental differences existing between the Catholic Church and Protestant Church. Finally, fifteen young people of "Retarded Vocations", accompanied by their Priest, met Dr. Poulain at St. Luc Church, and asked him a great number of questions dealing with the Protestant faith and Christian unity. It was a most frank and cordial exchange of views, and therefore beneficial.

It is also encouraging to note the reflection of a Customs official who, accustomed to seeing Dr. Poulain receive religious books from France, said: "I note by the papers your election as Moderator of the Synod of Montreal, and I learned you received the honorary D.D. degree. I consider that the honour that has befallen you reflects favourably on our French Canada."

It is impossible to speak of French Canada without mentioning separation. If, two or three years ago, many French Canadians and the majority of English Canadians, smiled indulgently when this word was mentioned in conversation, the startling progress of these last months by the separatist movements, and by the idea of separatism, obliges every Canadian to take seriously everything this word implies. Thus, all which divides men and makes them oppose one another is wrong in itself; is contrary to the will of God who sent His Son Jesus Christ to reconcile mankind.

We French Protestants, who love French Canadians because they share our faith, may we not become an instrument of peace and union between the two peoples? Should we not remember that mutual esteem and confidence overcome many obstacles, and that they alone are able to build a noble and dynamic nation, with two mentalities and two tongues?

May our French Protestant communities be little lights shedding spiritual warmth. This will help dissipate indifference and animosity, which have reigned too long between French Canadian Catholics and Protestants on one hand, and between French Canadians and English Canadians on the other hand. Would not this be one aspect of our calling in this country of Canada?

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Your Prayers are asked

—For the work of the Guiana Presbyterian church, as it seeks to witness to the peace that passeth understanding in a land fraught with strife.

—For the work of women and young people, that they may be guided to take their place in the life of their church; pray for our missionary staff there, both men and women, that their leadership may be used in the building of Thy church.

—For the Graduate and Student Deaconesses who have gone out to serve on the Missionary Vans in Western Canada, and throughout the Presbyteries. May they ever turn to Him, Who is their Guide for inspiration and strength.

—For the delegates who have attended the Annual Council Meeting, that they may be inspired to interpret the challenge of National Missions with new zeal, in the various areas which they represent.

—For all groups across Canada, as the end of a half year approaches, that each may consider what has been accomplished, and plan for greater effort in the months ahead.

—For all who plan for Summer Camps, Conferences, and Training Centres, that through them many may receive inspiration and practical help for the work God has entrusted to them.

MEMORIES OF YESTERYEAR

by JEAN STEWART, B.A.

One of the most interesting and invaluable aspects of the preparation for the 1964 Anniversaries of the W.M.S. (W.D.) has been the contact with those oldest members of the W.M.S. in many parts of the country, whose memories of the earlier days of the Society are a priceless eye-witness record. One such venerable member is Mrs. T. Wardlaw Taylor, widow of the late Rev. Dr. T. Wardlaw Taylor, who, at the age of 93, looks back on a long record of faithful service to the Women's Missionary Society. Many Presbyterians will recall Dr. Wardlaw Taylor as one of the great leaders of the Presbyterian Church in Canada; Mrs. Taylor likewise gave outstanding leadership over many decades.

We talked to Mrs. Taylor recently about her memories of her early days as Mistress of the Manse, and more particularly as a member of the Executive Board of the W.M.S., in the decade preceding Church Union and the difficult days of disruption which followed. She showed us a prize possession — the signatures of the 16 members of the Executive who refused to go into Union, and who steadfastly maintained the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., after June 10, 1925. Today, 38 years later, Mrs. Taylor is the sole survivor of that group; her memories of these times are therefore of great value and interest. We share them with Glad Tidings friends as she set them down for us.

"I feel that, being the last survivor, I want to tell of the wonderful women with whom I worked for so many happy years.

"I should really be tremendously interested in Home Mission Work, for when Dr. Taylor and I were married, our first home was in the Vestry of a Church in a mining camp in the Rockies (Canmore); there was no plaster on the walls, no foundations, and sometimes it was 30 or even 40 below zero. There were two stations; my husband walked 19 miles a Sunday, until the snow became too deep. There was no other Minister save a Roman Catholic Priest once a month. Moving to New Westminster in 1904, we found a most enthusiastic Women's Foreign Missionary Society, but no interest in Home Mission work. After a while my husband was able to change that, and a United society — Home and Foreign—was eventually formed.

"In 1911, my husband was asked to take up Home Mission work in the outskirts of Toronto, among newcomers to Canada. It was a very difficult situation at first; there was one pump to provide water for a block of homes. Church windows and doors were smashed while services were going on; we would receive notes telling us we were not wanted. But gradually a congregation was formed, and eventually we had a fine W.M.S., still 'going strong' in Oakwood Church.

"I was asked to join the Council Executive of the W.M.S. Mrs. Steele, a wonderful woman, was the President, and all the members were greatly interested in their work. I was at once made to feel at home, and given some minor duties. Everyone loved Mrs. Steele. We met in the Missionary Training Home on Grosvenor Street. After Mrs. Steele came Mrs. MacGillivray, who remained President until the time of disruption.

"We had grand meetings, with many splendid women, meeting once a week. Every fortnight the members of the Foreign Committee, of which I was Secretary, brought a simple lunch, and met during the afternoon in a room upstairs. We eventually moved from the Missionary Training Home to rented quarters on Jarvis Street. It was understood that I, having responsibilities in our own parish, should not be put upon any important committee, but when for reason of illness, etc., some member had to give up her work for a time, I always took it over. In this way, I became quite well acquainted with many of our Missionaries abroad and their grand work.

"These days were very happy days, but they came to a sudden end. We all knew that a time of 'separation' was coming, but we had expected to carry on together until the vote was taken. When we found that those going into Union thought it better that the break should be made at once, there was nothing before us save to acquiesce, but there were many sore hearts, as we left the room where we had for so long worked happily together. Our oldest member, dear Miss Inglis, said later, 'I thought that, when the time came to separate, I would lead in prayer, and that I would ask God's blessing upon those who remained, and those who went.' How different things were!

"We who were left met at once, to formulate plans to carry on our work. I was made Secretary, Mrs. McKerroll temporary President. We agreed to meet the next week at her home. Urgent requests for Speakers came from many Church Groups in Toronto and outlying places. Those who were gifted in that way — Mrs. Horne, Mrs. Strachan, Miss MacMurchy, and Mrs. McKerroll — could not begin to meet the demand, so I, who could only do my best, was pressed into service. Dear Mrs. Inglis Grant, always so kind and thoughtful, said to me, 'I cannot get up and speak, but I can drive you to those out-of-town places' which she did, many times.

"Those Presbyterians not going into Union had many talks together.

It was decided to have a large meeting, to which the 'faithful' from all Canada would be invited, including the women of the Eastern Woman's Missionary Society. The hopes that they would join with us did not materialize, but we had a wonderful meeting, crowded with those full of Missionary zeal. Mrs. McKerroll was made President; I, the Secretary.

"There had to be many adjustments, of course, between those going into Union and ourselves, as to salaries of Missionaries, etc. We had regular weekly meetings and started all over in the reorganization of the work.

"In November of that year my husband was asked to go to British Columbia for a year. Dr. Taylor was kept very busy in B. C., invitations for his advice coming from far and near. I, too, was much in demand; I was twice in Victoria, and spoke to three or four Churches every week. In the W.M.S. we were most fortunate in having grand leaders remain with us."

And so, in spite of her 93 years, with failing sight and hearing, one of the truly "grand women" of our W.M.S. tradition has set down for us her memories of the earlier days, and the troubled times of 1925. She would have us record the honoured names of the fifteen women who served with her on the Council Executive of 1925, who live on today in memory:—

Mary Catherine McKerroll; Helen W. Horne; Elizabeth Mallagh; Laura A. Dill; Helen M. Strachan; Bessie MacMurchy; Jessie Parsons; Mamie C. J. Fraser; Margaret Logie; Violet M. Fletcher; Isabella S. Pringle; Helen McEwen; Mary Evelyn Grant; Christina Ross; J. I. Inglis; Edith L. Taylor.

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"Lord Jesus, be our Guide;
O lead us safely on,
Till night and grief
And sin and death
Are past, and Heaven is won!"

PENTECOST — 1963

A CALL to "venture into new paths" is sounded by the Presidents of the World Council of Churches, in their Annual Message for Pentecost, which in Orthodox and Protestant Churches, will be celebrated on Sunday, June 2, 1963. This will be read from pulpits in many lands and in many languages, for there are some 201 Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox member Churches in the World Council of Churches.

Pentecost, which always comes fifty days after Easter, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit to the 120 Christian believers, who gathered together in Jerusalem, after the Resurrection. The second chapter of the Book of Acts describes this first Pentecost. Today, Pentecost, or Whitsunday, as it is known in some Churches, is observed by many to stress the unity and witness of the Church, which has developed since that first Day of Pentecost.

Signing this message are the six Presidents of the World Council of Churches — Archbishop Iakovos, the Greek Orthodox Primate of North and South America, New York; Sir Francis Ibiam, the Governor of East Nigeria, and a leading Presbyterian layman, Enugu, Nigeria; Dr. Arthur Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury, London, England; Principal David Moses of Hislop College, Nagpur, India, Church of South India; Dr. Martin Niemoeller, President of the Evangelical Church of Hesse-Nassau, Wiesbaden, Germany; and Charles C. Parlin, New York lawyer and Methodist layman. The Honorary President, Dr. Joseph H. Oldham, ecumenical pioneer, St. Leonards-on-Sea, United Kingdom, also signed the message. The complete text of this message follows:—

"Creator Spirit"

> "And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor . . ." (Luke 4: 17-18)
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> "Jesus Said, When He, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all the truth . . . He shall glorify me; for he shall receive of mine and shall show it unto you." (John 6: 13-14)

"So the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ begins and ends with the Holy Spirit, *the presence by which He continually lived.* He begins with an announcement of great news:— Today the Old Testament prophecy is fulfilled, and the curtain goes up on the Kingdom of God. He ends with a promise, the assurance of new triumphs of the Spirit:— His disciples are not to grieve at His physical departure, for the coming of the Spirit will mean that the knowledge and love of God grows deeper among men, year after year, and age after age. At Pentecost we remember the first fulfillment of that promise — and we taste "the power of the age to come."

Here is a text for our churches today. Do *we* begin and end with the Holy Spirit? Christians everywhere are united on this point:—To be a Christian is to have *received* the Spirit; to be the Church is, since the first Pentecost, to be full of the Holy Ghost. It can truly be said that the members of Christ have never ceased "to preach the gospel to the poor . . . to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives . . . to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." But it cannot be said complacently! What vast opportunities for Christian witness and service still lie before us, untapped, not simply from lack of helpers or resources, but fundamentally because we will not "walk by the Spirit" or exercise the gift we have all of us received!

Do we likewise end with the Holy Spirit? That means an openness, a looking forward. There is much hopeful talk at present of Christian unity, and what was once the pursuit of the few has become the search of all. But unity *in the Holy Spirit* will undoubtedly demand sacrifices, as we venture into new paths chosen, not by us, but by Him. It is the temptation of our churches (and one to which we often succumb) to become nostalgic; For the first century A.D., or the 12th, or the 16th — or even for the first fifty years of the Ecumenical Movement! St. Paul warns us to leave the things that are behind, and to press on to the goal of our calling. He does so, perhaps, knowing that even Christians can lose their nerve. But *not* to press on is serious, since it is the very negation of faith in the Holy Spirit. Who always goes before us, eager to show us afresh the things of Christ.

Today we often tremble for the very foundations of Christian doctrine and Christian behavior; we tremble for our Churches, and their place in many different communities. At least we do not need to tremble for the Spirit of God, Who never fails or grows old. This Pentecost we call upon you, as we call upon ourselves, not to tremble, but to trust in Him Whom we have together received and through Whom we offer worship:— Love in action, fount of truth, the Lord and Giver of life."

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QUIET

Silent Spirit, dwell with me;
I, myself, would quiet be;
Quiet as the growing blade
Which through earth its way has
made;
Silently, like morning light
Putting mists and fears to flight."

"SHE HATH DONE WHAT SHE COULD"

by MISS MARGARET RAMSAY

Georgetown, British Guiana

QUITE A BIT has been written about our plans, and the execution of these plans, for the training of Women-Workers in the Guiana Presbyterian Church. Another picture could be presented — that of some of the "lay-women". Although we would not find as many as we would like to find, still there are some who have, and are, giving lay-leadership.

One, in particular, is a woman who, one might say, grew up with the example of Church work before her, for she lived in the household of one of the earlier Missionaries, here in British Guiana. When Marie Dunn was a young child, she went to live with the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Gibson Fisher, who were then Missionaries of the Canadian Presbyterian Church in Essequibo. As Marie grew older, her desire to serve her Master took a realistic turn, and she entered the local Public Hospital, where she received training as a Nurse, and later as a Midwife. As much time as she had from her busy Nursing Career, she gave to help in the nearby little "Akashwoni" Church in Essequibo.

Several years ago, Marie was married, and there was one son born to the Kissoons, but Marie's interest in "her Church" never waned. Through the years, she has served on the Board of Managers, at "Akashwoni", and helped in the Women's Group, and in the Sunday School whenever possible. For a few years, Marie served as Matron at the Essequibo Boys' School, (a Reform School,) where, along with her ordinary duties of looking after the health of the boys, she was always ready to give other help, and, especially, to lend a sympathetic ear to the troubles of the "boys".

Today, as Health Nurse in one of the several Government Health Centres in British Guiana, Marie lives about twenty miles from "Akashwoni", but this does not prevent her from travelling quite frequently to worship there, and give what help she can. This help is given, also, to another Church near to the Health Centre. When asked why she does the things she does — for her kindness and help reaches out to many, both in and out of the Church's fellowship — she will answer, "Isn't this what Christ wants us to do for Him?"

One other lay-woman, about whom we should know a little, is one of the members of the Vreed-en-hoop congregation, on the West Coast, Demerara. Mrs. Annie Rachpaul has not been a member of the Presbyterian Church for many years — she belonged to the Anglican Church from her girlhood — but, before our Church was built at Vreed-en-hoop, she showed a keen interest in, and ability to help, the Guiana Presbyterian Church. Because of her interest and devotion, the women in the district would meet for Bible Study and Prayer, usually in her own home. She was elected for a two-year term as President of the Demerara Presbyterian Women's Association, and gave good leadership, not only at the time of meeting, but in helping some of the weaker groups.

Tragedy struck at Annie's home one day, and her husband, who had contracted T.B., had to go away to the Sanitorium. As there was a family of five children to care for, Annie took a teaching job, in order to finance the home, and not in a small way, but to provide a good Secondary education for the oldest daughter. Unfortunately, when Annie began teaching, which was a necessity, her time for helping the Women's Work was curtailed. She has her husband at home again now, although not strong enough to do very much to support the family, so Annie is continuing her teaching job. Whenever she can, however, she helps in her Church, is always present for the Services, and we look forward to the time when she will again have time and energy to gather the Vreed-en-hoop women together, and be able to help other groups of women also.

This glimpse, given into the lives of two quite ordinary women in the life of the Presbyterian Church in British Guiana, could be reproduced in several others, who are quietly, but effectively, "doing what they can". Several of the Church Treasurers are women, and many women serve also on the Managing Boards. When the time comes for a new era in the role of women in the Guiana Presbyterian Church, then there will be those who will take their place here too, and give a good account of their stewardship.

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ALTERNATIVES!

Not what we have, but what we use;
Not what we see, but what we choose —
These are the things that mar or bless
The sum of human happiness.
Not as we take, but as we give;
Not as we pay, but as we live —
These are the things that make for peace,
Both now and after time shall cease.

(Author Unknown)

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

THE LORD'S PRAYER An Interpretation by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman

A small volume, this — only 48 pages in all — but large in its depth of meaning and revelation; strong in its impact and helpfulness. Dr. Sockman, until his retirement very recently, was the Pastor of Christ Church (Methodist), one of the best-known Churches of New York City, and one which many visitors to that City made it a point to visit, because then they could hear and see, in person, the beloved Pastor, whose National Radio Pulpit Broadcasts were regularly followed by thousands of listeners, throughout the United States and Canada, who received great help and guidance from the messages given there. Actually, this material, as given in this splendid little book, *was* one of those National Radio Pulpit Broadcasts. Dr. Sockman has been a frequent Guest Minister in Canadian pulpits, and, although now retired, continues to preach extensively. He is the Author of many books — his latest one, "The Meaning of Suffering," which we reviewed in the January issue of this year.

"The Lord's Prayer is the most important of all Christian documents," says Dr. Sockman. "Almost every Christian child commits it to memory. Almost every service of Christian worship includes it." Continuing, he asks his readers to "Pause therefore, and in your time of reading examine the prayer anew. Follow the movement of its thought, and catch the various shades of its meaning. Through its petitions one enters into communion with our Heavenly Father." Price — $1.65.

TESTAMENT OF TRUST By Faith Baldwin

There are very few people who love good reading who are not familiar with the name of this popular Author, who has published almost seventy novels, two volumes of poetry, and three books of non-fiction, of which "Testament of Trust" is the latest. A devout and trusting Christian herself, who, like all of us, has had her share of disappointments and sorrows, as well as joy and victory, Faith Baldwin says "If years have taught me anything, it is to trust. No matter how disturbed may be the surface of the river we call Life, beneath is the stillness, the deep water, the calm." In this book she takes her readers through a full year of living, which she envisions as "a delightful house with twelve rooms." Her "year" runs from October to the next October, and each "room" is filled with its own beauty, its own problems, poignancy, and triumphs, but all with the unswerving faith in God, which uplifts the heart and soul, and holds the shining jewels of inspiration, appreciation and tolerance. A delightful and helpful book. Price — $1.35 Paper.

"FLEMING — DON'T GO!"

The Story of Bishop Fleming of The Arctic By Pat Barton

This is one of the Eagle Books, and one that I could not resist mentioning, because it is such a splendid condensation and adaptation of that outstanding book "Archibald, The Arctic," which we reviewed some time ago. That book is the full story of the remarkable life and accomplishments of Archibald Lang Fleming — Bishop Fleming of the Arctic — the intrepid man of God, who brought to the Eskimos of Baffin Land and the Arctic regions the saving light of the Gospel, taught them to live "the Jesus way," and truly became one of them in heart and life, until in 1947 serious illness forced his retirement. His whole life was an epic of the Eskimo North, and his name, even now is almost synonymous with "The Arctic." For those who have not yet read this inspiring and adventurous biography, as it was recorded in the original book, here, in this small Eagle Book, No. 78 of a remarkable series of outstanding condensations, is a well-written adaptation, which contains the highlights of the original, much of its clever dialogue and presentation, and is so interesting that I'm sure it will rouse the desire to read the whole original book. "Fleming —Don't Go!" Price — 15c paper-bound.

WHAT A BREAK! By Catherine Blanton

This interesting book, written particularly for young people from 12 to 14 years of age, brings to attention and to the appeal to Christian hearts, the needs of the handicapped ones — especially those who live in a small community with no well-organized plans or helps, to assist such a group. It all began with the accident which broke Peter Kirkland's femur bone, and sentenced him to a wheel chair for many months. And that is how it came about that he and his whole Junior High Church Group began to think about others in that small town whose handicaps held them back, kept them isolated and in a backwash of life, and how they very soon found a Special Project through which they could do something about this situation. Just thirty-seven cents in their treasury, and $150 their minimum needed sum — how could this be possible? It was accomplished, however, and what it meant to the young lad with the serious speech impediment;

the deformed Navajo boy; Paul, in his wheel chair, and all the young people who worked together, with Peter, who was still the President of the Group and an active participant in all the plans and doings! And of course to the Church, and the townspeople, too, for by this time everyone was interested and helping. This book is filled with planning, excitement, and real doing. There is much material here for Discussion, and Projects, and for a real thinking-through of just what practical help can be found when Church people and town people are awake to the needs of the handicapped ones, and determined to bring them into active fellowship, and to help with their problems, and adjustment to normal life and living. Price — Paper — $1.75; Cloth $2.75.

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THE WHOLE WORLD'S IN HIS HAND

By GRACE NIES FLETCHER

A SPECIAL BOOK REVIEW

by (MRS. H. C.) HOLLY PRIEST

Librarian, Canadian School of Missions, Toronto

THE WHOLE WORLD'S IN HIS HAND reads like a story. But into that story is packed a gripping description of the World Council of Churches in its multiple avenues of expression. The book gives the background of the European move towards unity, a unity nurtured in the French resistance movement and in German prison camps. It explains clearly the organization of the World Council, and contains biographical sketches of the six Presidents "as human beings".

"Shoes for the Dalai Lama's children," and "I adopt a Chinese daughter" are chapters which tell poignantly of the work of Interchurch Aid and Service to Refugees. The work of the laity is presented, as well as the way in which the Churches of Asia and Africa are assuming responsibility for the spread of the Gospel, not only in the Orient but also in the Occident. From the United Church in Japan, for example, two Japanese workers have been sent to Winnipeg and Vancouver to work "not only among the second-generation Japanese in those cities but also among the native Canadians."

This is a book for those who are, mentally and spiritually, living in this space age; it presents the challenge of a world desperately needing a united Christendom. To the man-in-the-pew who is asking: "How can I work in my house, on my street, in my town for Christian unity and peace?", it gives the answer — "Get out of the pew and live Christ in your community." Price — $5.65.

AS A CANADIAN GIRL IN TRAINING . . .

by MARGOT WILSON

(Margot Wilson is twelve years of age. She is in grade 7, and attends St. James Presbyterian Church in Long Branch, Ontario. She enjoys skating and swimming, plays the recorder, and makes some of her own clothes.)

I AM pretty new at C.G.I.T., because only a year ago I graduated from Explorers. After a couple of years in Children of the Church, and three years in Explorers, I find that C.G.I.T. is quite different, although some things are the same.

The first couple of weeks I wasn't sure I would like it, because I couldn't get used to the new system at all! I felt confused because there was no pattern that I could see, and I never knew what would happen. I suppose one reason I felt this way was because in Explorers I had been a Senior, even Chief Explorer, so the Juniors and Intermediates looked up to me. In C.G.I.T., I'm only a beginner, and I'm the one who must look up!

Now that I have been attending C.G.I.T. for a number of weeks, I have changed my mind. I look forward to each week's meeting, with its new and exciting changes. Now, as I remember the Explorer meetings, I know that the same repeated routine would seem tiresome and boring, but this system is interesting, because it is always changing. I guess I'm just growing up. In C.G.I.T. I can help the Group to make choices and decisions. Actually, the Programme includes many of the same activities as the two groups I had belonged to before. These are—Worship, Group Study, Handicraft, Recreation and Business—only these are arranged differently each week.

One thing I really like about C.G.I.T., is the chance to meet with other Groups. For example, during the Fall, a Brantford Group came down to visit Knox and Ewart Colleges, and afterwards they came to our Church in Long Branch, for supper and recreation. Another evening we went to Alderwood Presbyterian Church, where a Missionary showed us some slides of her work in an Overseas country. We have had a number of Joint Services and Rallies of C.G.I.T. Groups during the Fall and Winter and hope to have many more.

During Christian Youth Week our Group set up a display table showing our Study Books and a small doll dressed in the C.G.I.T. uniform. This was shown to the members of the congregation at the annual meeting on Monday. On Wednesday we took part with other Youth Groups of our Church in a Parents' Night programme. Our part in the activities, in addition to our display, was to serve the refreshments (and clean up afterwards). Also one of our senior girls led a Sing-Song. On Sunday we wore our uniforms for the special Youth Week Service at our Church, at which some of the C.G.I.T. members read the Scripture and sang in the choir.

Now I enjoy C.G.I.T. very much, and I am proud to be a member of this great and widely-known group.

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MISS HSIN-MEI CHENG

Miss Hsin-mei Cheng (wearing sweater with dark V) with some of the teacher trainees and pupils at the Kindergarten Teachers' Training School at Hsin Chu Bible School, Hsin Chu, Taiwan.

The special offering project for girls' groups this year is to provide for Miss Cheng's further training as Supervisor of the Kindergarten Department.

Boys and Girls!

PICTURES FOR CHILDREN IN AFRICA

by MISS MABEL BOOTH

National Secretary for Children's Work

VACATION TIME is almost here. The school bell soon will be silent. Your head will, no doubt, be full of plans to spend the summer by a lake far from the noisy city, or dreaming of far away places, road maps, loving grandmothers, the farm with rolling meadows and frisky sheep. But wherever you go, the Church is present because you are the Church.

In many Churches across Canada, there will be posters telling about Vacation Church School. There may be one in your home Church, a neighbouring Church, or the Church on the country lane. It may be that none of the three mentioned will be near you this summer. Did it occur to you that you could have a Vacation Church School wherever you are? You may secure the Vacation School materials and have your own school. It would be fun to read the stories and do the activities with your family, or you might call in the neighbourhood children in the nearby cottages.

Each year special giving projects are suggested by the Department of Christian Education of the Canadian Council of Churches. This year there are two. In the May issue of the Glad Tidings, there was a story telling about the Roof Top Schools in Hong Kong. Vacation Church Schools across Canada are asked to give money to maintain and promote Roof Top Schools.

An African Boy

A second project is "Bible Stories and Pictures — for Children Everywhere." Can you imagine Church Schools without colourful pictures to help you remember the stories from the Bible? No! I'm sure you can't. However, there are countries that do not have beautiful pictures to tell the message of God's love for children everywhere.

For many years, the country of Africa has used the same Church School lessons as places like Canada. The African people have appreciated this help given by other countries. However, they wished that some day there would be a Church School Curriculum for Africa, as a large part of the material is based on the Canadian way of life. The stories refer to trees, flowers, places, home and family life, which are so familiar to us, but are unknown to the African people. For this reason, the World Council of Christian Education and Sunday School Association has provided Church Leaders, to help the African Church prepare a curriculum. Bible pictures are in demand to make this curriculum interesting and effective. As well as Bible story pictures, there is a need for illustrations from African life for these lessons. Steps are being taken to secure national artists to produce local art work.

Now where do you come in, you ask? Children who attend the Vacation Church Schools in Canada may share the good news about Jesus with children of Africa, by giving money for Bible pictures for the African Church School Curriculum. Let's try to do our part to give pictures to Africa!

(The Theme for Vacation Schools this year is "The Church", the same theme studied in Church Schools in the 1962-63 year. The Westminster curriculum materials for Kindergarten, Primary, and Junior-age Children, may be purchased from the Publications Department of the W.M.S., Room 800, 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto 1, or Presbyterian Publications, 388 Yonge Street, Toronto 5.)

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THOSE STAMPS YOU SEND!

by MISS RUTH A. YEANDLE

Chinese Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, B.C.

It was Explorer meeting time. I opened the door at the Chinese Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, expecting to be greeted by a group of noisy children. There was complete silence! Inside, a splash of colour at the far end of the room caught my eye. The boys and girls were bent over a long table, covered with stamps. They were so engrossed they did not notice me until I walked right up to them.

"Ah-h-h!" The silence was broken! "Is that for me?" I asked laughing. "No," said the boy who had thus exclaimed, "It's not you, Miss Yeandle, it's this stamp! Just look at this Arthur Meighen Commemorative!" He held it up. The corner was torn off. "We'll have to throw it away. It's no good!"

"Never mind," said Miss Wilson, coming in from another room, "there are lots of good ones in this box. We won't lose much if we have to throw one away."

They knew it was time to begin their meeting, but they were loath to leave the stamps. The finished packets of "hundreds," containing 100 commemorative or other special stamps, were labeled; the ordinary "queens" were in large plastic bags, ready to be sold as poundage; the foreign stamps were in separate containers.

"I hope to get a lot of money for these stamps," remarked one, as they settled down in the semi-circle of chairs for their meeting.

We have to be careful how we cut the edge," said another, "or we won't get anything for them."

"I know! Most of us *are* careful, but when the little kids help, sometimes they tear them!"

"They do the best they can."

This discussion was cut short by the President announcing the opening Hymn, and soon stamps were forgotten in the programme of the meeting.

The time came for the Missionary Story. "Today our story is about a country whose stamp some of you saw today."

"What country is it?" they wanted to know.

"See if you can guess! Do you remember a stamp with a woman on it? She is weaving cloth." No one could remember it, so the next clue was, "Do you remember seeing a stamp with peanuts on it?"

"Oh, yes!" Trust them to remember something to eat! "That was Nigeria!"

And so the story that day was about Miss Gollan and Miss Bulmer, our Missionaries in Nigeria. The two stamps we had on hand were passed around, and they helped the children to learn about the people, and the country where we have work in Africa.

After the meeting, Miss Wilson and I took the stamps, that were ready, to a Stamp Shop. We got twenty-five cents a pound for the ordinary "queens," and thirty-five cents a hundred for specials; the foreign stamps brought various prices, according to their availability. We were able to add $22.65 to the Building Fund that day.

We are very grateful to all the groups, as well as the individuals, who send us stamps from time to time. If any of you, who read this, are among such friends, will you please accept our thanks, and also our apology for not always writing to acknowledge your gifts.

Perhaps you will see possibilities for your own Children's Groups from this story. If you do, please help the children to be careful in cutting.

A margin of about ¼ inch is just about right. Children could separate the "queens" if they wish. Don't soak the stamps off envelopes. Dealers like to do this themselves.

We are building up the fund for our much-needed extension. Your stamps help. Thank you!

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WAS YOUR CHURCH ONE OF THESE?

On Sunday, April 7th, which was known as "Nature Sunday" this year, some 15,000 Ministers in Canada were asked to specially recognize this Special Sunday of Canada National Wild Life Week, and to speak on "God, the Creator; God In Nature; God's Great Outdoors," or other similar topics, in recognition of this Canada National Wild Life Week, which was created on April 18, 1947, by an Act of Parliament of the House of Commons, Ottawa, and by the members of the Canadian Senate. So popular was this Bill, introduced by the late John R. MacNicol, M.P., in tribute to the late Jack Miner, the great Naturalist and Christian gentleman, whose Wild Bird Sanctuary is world-famous, that it was passed unanimously by both houses, and is always to be observed in Canada during the week of the birthday of this great good man, which is April 10th —a most appropriate time, for then the birds are returning from the south to nest and raise their young in Canada's breeding grounds. People from all over the world come to "The Jack Miner Sanctuary" each year to see the thousands of wild geese, who shelter there and rest in safety!

Through the Provincial Education Departments, all Schools were asked to make this strictly an educational week, stressing the need of Conservation. The Provincial Fish and Game Department also asked all Sportsmen's Clubs and Outdoor Organizations, to make special observation of this week. National Wild Life Week is *never* commercialized, but is strictly an educational week, meant to help awaken interest in the conservation of not only bird and animal life, but all of God's natural resources. Generations yet to come will feel the good of the efforts put forth by the men, women, and children of today, as they learn more of "the great balance of Nature, and realize the true importance of conserving it.

In many Churches, where this Nature Sunday *was* observed in Canada, Jack Miner's favourite Hymns were sung, as a memorial to him, for these are truly the great Hymns of the Christian Church, and Jack Miner was, what the well-known poet, Edgar A. Guest, always called him, "one of the best-loved Christians in America." These are — "How Firm A Foundation"; "Nearer My God To Thee"; "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"; "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," and many others. (L.M.C.)

IN CHRISTIAN CONCERN!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S GROUPS IN North Formosa, sent a gift of ninety dollars to the World Council of Churches for relief work among the victims of the landslide in Peru. The accompanying letter said that people in Formosa have suffered from earthquakes and typhoons; so they know about disasters, from experience. Many women gave toward the fund—some as little as the equivalent of a nickel or a dime. This was as much as they were able to contribute; nevertheless, it was meaningful in terms of Christian concern and mutual helpfulness.

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KAMLOOPS-OKANAGAN PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. K. C. S. Luttrell, of *Prince George,* was installed as President at the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial. Twenty-one delegates were in attendance, and two guests from Vancouver — Mrs. J. LeHuguet, Vice-President of *British Columbia* Synodical, and Miss May Nutt, Regional Secretary for *B.C.*

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL—The Annual Meeting of *British Columbia Synodical,* was held in Fairview Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* with Vice-President, Mrs. I. LeHuguet, presiding, due to the illness of President, Mrs. E. P. Fox. Delegates from the four Presbyterials attended, and the Theme was "Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord, Thy God, has led thee". Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Executive Director of Overseas Missions, on Council Executive, was Guest Speaker.

Worship Services were conducted by Mrs. I. LeHuguet; Miss Lillian Reay; Rev. G. Bastedo; Miss Dorothy Spring; and Miss May Nutt. Greetings were brought from Synod, by the Rev. F. G. St. Denis; Rev. L. Hankinson; Rev. H. A. Doig; and from Fairview Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary, by Mrs. T. McGregor. The Rev. D. J. M. Corbett B.D., gave a stirring Address on the theme "Is Our Work Relevant?", and the Choir of Fairview Presbyterian Church sang an Anthem. Communion Service was conducted by the Rev. T. Mulholland. The Annual Reports were interestingly presented by three Panels—"Organization, Service; Good News"—and Miss Dorothy Spring stressed the importance of reading, "No Time To Falter", as she told of the Church's work among the Chinese on the *West Coast.*

Miss Mary Whale, in her address, told of her recent visits to our Mission Fields, and of the problems, opportunities and challenges presented in each one. Thinking of our coming Anniversary Year, Miss Whale stressed that in remembering that God had led us all the way during these hundred years, we must determine to keep faith with those faithful workers, who had so well laid the foundations for our work of today. Miss Ruth Yeandle gave an inspiring message on the Theme of the meetings, and the Rev. F. G. St. Denis installed the 1963 Executive. The new President, Mrs. I. LeHuguet, spoke briefly at the close of the Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of *Westminster Presbyterial* was brought to a close with an arousing debate by four members of the Clergy on the subject "The Place of the W.M.S. Family in the Life of the Local Church", and a feature of the Afternoon Session was Group Discussion on the theme "No Time To Falter". Secretarial Reports were given Panel Presentation, under three headings—Organization; Service; Publications. President, Mrs. G. M. Ledingham was in the Chair for all Sessions, and was again elected President.

Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Director of Overseas Missions for the W.M.S., was Guest of Honour at a Coffee Party arranged by Officers of Westminster Presbyterial, to which the Presidents and Treasurers of all Auxiliaries and Affiliated Groups were specially invited. Miss Whale spoke on the world situation, and the urgency for immediate, practical participation of the Church, with its Christian message.

The Marie Douglas Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of Gordon Presbyterian Church, *Edmonds,* held two interesting meetings recently. At the first one, the 1963 Officers were installed by Mrs. P. Grant, Secretary for Evening Groups, on *Westminster* Presbyterial. At a later Meeting, members of other Church Groups were guests at an "Evening of Slides" shown by Mr. Albert Richmond, Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School of First Presbyterian Church, *New Westminster.* These pictures were taken from a layman's point of view, when Mr. Richmond was a Surveyor in the Far East, under the Colombo Plan.

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EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL—At the Annual Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary (Senior Group) of First Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* the Rev. Fraser Dunbar told of the work being done by the W.M.S. in

Korea, and later installed the 1963 Executive, with Mrs. J. Campbell elected President.

MACLEOD PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. G. Milson, Acting President of Alberta Synodical, installed the 1963 Officers at the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and President, Mrs. J. M. Ireton, presided at all Sessions. Delegates attended from *Medicine Hat, Lethbridge,* and *Macleod,* and Mrs. A. Smith was elected as President. Increases both in givings and membership were reported, and delegates were appointed to the Annual Synodical Meeting in *Medicine Hat,* and the Annual Council Meeting, held in Ewart College, *Toronto,* Ontario. Plans are being made by this Presbyterial for the W.M.S. Anniversaries Celebration in *Montreal,* in 1964.

PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial took place in the Chapel of St. James Presbyterian Church, *Dawson Creek, British Columbia,* with representatives present from *Blueberry Mountain; Brownvale; Dawson Creek, B.C.; Dixonville, Fort St. John, B.C.; Vermillion; Gordondale; Grande Prairie; Wanham;* and *Whitehorse, Yukon.* President, Mrs. F. Davies, presided, and Reports were presented by a panel, chaired by Mrs. H. Groves, with Mrs. Orah Hagen; Mrs. Diane McKinnon; and Mrs. Marion Tomlinson, taking part. The *Dawson Creek* Group conducted Devotions on the Theme — "Missions"; Miss Barbara Woodruff, *Alberta* Regional Secretary, conducted a Workshop on "Jesus Christ and Your Family". The Rev. H. Waite, of *Whitehorse,* Moderator of Presbytery, installed the 1963 Executive, and delegates were named to attend the W.M.S. Leadership Training Centre, in *Regina* in July.

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MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL — The Good Cheer Group of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw,* held a Panel Discussion on the "Study of Hong Kong", with Mrs. G. Parr, Moderator. Wearing Oriental costumes, the four panelists represented an old Chinese Resident; a Chinese Refugee; a Social Worker; a Missionary in China. Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary, spoke on "Organizing A Women's Group", and suggested ways of presenting Bible Studies. A Social Hour followed.

Under the direction of Mrs. L. Delbeck and Mrs. R. Thompson, Counsellors, an Explorer "Open-Night" was held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw.* Sixty attended and the Explorers gave a mock Television Programme, "Tune

In On Missions". Offerings at this Meeting were presented to the Presbyterial Treasurer. The Rev. John Ambrose, of *Tugasaki, Sask.,* showed slides of *Japan, Hong Kong,* and *Korea,* and refreshments were served by the Good Cheer Group.

At the Re-Affiliation Service of the C.G.I.T. of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw,* held on a Sunday evening, the congregation was invited to "Go Oriental". Presbyterial President, Mrs. C. W. Logan, presented the girls' Membership Cards, and World Friendship Badges to Heather Angus, Donna McLeod, Patsy Mills, and Jacqueline Weatherall. The Programme, "Formosa—An Open Door", included a Film; a Table Display; a Debate; a "Silver Screen" presentation by the Intermediate Girls; the song "Taiwanese Lullaby"; and an Audience Quiz. Oriental costumes were worn, and Oriental refreshments served. Mrs. S. Stephenson, Mrs. H. Brumwell, and Mrs. T. Sorochan, are Leaders of this Group.

The Theme of the Annual Meeting of *Moose Jaw* Presbyterial, held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Moose Jaw,* was "The Way, the Truth, The Life". President, Mrs. C. W. Logan, presided, and special Guests were Miss Mabel Booth, Secretary for Children's Work, Miss Helen Tetley, Secretary for Teen-Age Work; Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary; and Miss Evelyn Walker, Presbytery Deaconess. Delegates attended from *Swift Current, Weyburn, Moose Jaw, Assiniboia;* and *Briercrest.* The Rev. N. D. Kennedy, brought Presbytery greetings, and the "In Remembrance" Service was led by Mrs. J. R. McKee, of *Swift Current.* Mrs. W. Kelly, Mrs. D. Aitken, Mrs. R. Metheral, and Mrs. J. R. McKee, gave the "Anniversaries' Presentation" with a Flip-Chart, and plans for the Saskatchewan celebration were outlined. Mrs. T. D. Moir reported the W.M.S. Training Centre in *Edmonton* and urged attendance at the one to be held in Luther College, *Regina* this summer.

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL—Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Executive Director of Overseas Missions, was Guest Speaker at the Annual Meeting of Saskatchewan Synodical, in First Prebyterian Church, *Regina.* President, Miss Isabelle Bailey, presided, and Mrs. T. Andrews had charge of registration. The Theme of the Meetings was "Worship Him in Spirit and in Truth". Mr. Ross Manthorpe led the Devotionals, and Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary, conducted a Workshop on "Worship". Dinner was served by the Womens' Federation of the Church, when Mrs. W. Givens Smith welcomed guests and Mrs. C. W. Logan, of *Moose Jaw,* replied. The Rev. A. R. Joshua, of Walter Martin Presbyterian Church, *Regina* brought greetings from Synod.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Indian Head,* has lost a valued member in the death of Mrs. J. H. Francis, after whom the Jean Francis W.M.S. Auxiliary, of this Church, organized in 1949, was named, and of which Mrs. Francis was Honorary President.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — The women of Parkview Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* held a joint "Fellowship Night", at which sixty were present. Commencing the evening with a Sing-Song, and organized games, Mrs. B. Edwards then spoke briefly on congregational visiting, and the need for such a Programme. Miss E. Murdock, assisted by Mrs. Buchanan, led a Discussion on "Aids To Worship", which she demonstrated in the Evening Worship Period. Mrs. P. King was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Hume. Slides and Commentary on Fellowship House in *Winnipeg* were presented by Mrs. N. Bradwell, and the Offering was given to this Anniversaries' Project. Refreshments were served.

The Annual "C.G.I.T. Night" was held in Parkview Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* when a Panel on "Teen-Age Problems" was presented by a High School Guidance Teacher; two Parents, and three C.G.I.T. girls. The Play, "Island of Babel", based on the Study of the Island of Taiwan, was given by the Senior Group. At the impressive Closing Service, eight new Seniors received their lanyards.

At another Meeting this C.G.I.T. Group had Mr. Ron McGraw, Missionary on furlough from *Nigeria,* as their Guest Speaker, and heard of the work of the Hope Waddel Training Institute in *Nigeria,* where Mr. McGraw teaches Science. Slides were shown. Miss Margaret vanMossel conducted the Worship Period, and Miss Linda Vandale presided.

A Training School for W.M.S. Auxiliary Officers of the City Churches was held in *Saskatoon,* at which Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary gave valuable help and leadership—both for old and new Office-Bearers.

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL—The Annual Meeting of Manitoba Synodical was held in First Presbyterian, and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in *Portage la Prairie,* with President, Mrs. H. J. Loney, of *Fort William,* presiding. Greetings were brought from Presbyterial Presidents, Mrs. G. MacDougal, Superior; Mrs. R. J. Hood, *Brandon;* Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon of *Winnipeg;* and the Devotional Periods were conducted by the Rev. Lloyd Henderson, of First Presbyterian Church; the Rev. John Burkhart, Minister of Crescent Heights Presbyterian Church; and Miss Mary Lou Funston of Brandon Presbytery. Accompanied by Organist, Mrs. Mary McDonald, and led by Mrs. W. H. Vopni, the Sunday School Choir contributed special music. Miss Mary E. Whale, Executive Director of Overseas Missions for the W.M.S., was Guest Speaker at the Evening Session, illustrating her Address with slides taken on her recent trips. A Communion Service was conducted by the three Ministers—the Rev. H. L. Henderson; Rev. John W. Burkhart and the Rev. H. Crump.

Presbyterial Reports were received and discussed and Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon gave the Report of the Council of Women. Mrs. E. Leeson, of Brandon, presented the Nominating Report, and the Offertory and Closing Prayers were given by Mrs. W. G. Blake, of *Superior;* Mrs. Wm. Duthie, of *Hartney;* and Mrs. J. J. Thomson, of *Carberry*.

The Ladies Circle of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Crescent Heights, Portage la Prairie,* at a recent meeting, presented a Life Membership to Mrs. S. Simpson.

In a Special Ceremony at the regular Service of this Church, the following Explorers received their Second Stars — Beverley Tomlin; Charlene McFarlane; Heather McDougal; Mary Andrews; and Wendy Fitzsimmons.

In the Annual C.G.I.T. Curling Bonspiel of Knox C.G.I.T., *Carberry,* 17 Rinks were registered from *Brandon, Brookdale, Austin, Sidney, MacGregor, Neepawa, Carberry* United and Knox Churches. In the first Event, the *Brookdale* Group, skipped by Phyllis May won First Prize; Knox *Carberry,* skipped by Kathleen Palen, came Second; the *Sidney* Rink, skipped by Maxine Head, won Third Place, and the Mabel Graham, Knox *Carberry* Rink, *Neepawa,* won First Prize. Second Event Knox Presbyterian Rink *Neepawa,* won First Prize. The "Youngest Rink Prize" was won by a *Brandon* Rink, with an aggregate of "52" years, and the "Hard Luck Prize" went to *Carberry* United Rink, skipped by Joan Hardie. When not curling, Leaders and members of Knox C.G.I.T. served lunch to the participating Rinks. The Bonspiel was thoroughly enjoyed, in spite of exceptionally cold weather.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — The C.G.I.T. Group of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Atikokan,* held their Affiliation Service at the regular meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary. Mrs. L. Sendin presented Affiliation Cards to every girl, and an Affiliation Badge to Janice Paterson, who, in turn, presented a cheque to the Treasurer, to be sent on to the Presbyterial. With the assistance of the Rev. Mr. Morrison the Film Strip, "Double by 100", was shown. All the C.G.I.T. members took part in the Service, and Mrs. McTaggart was Organist for the occasion.

At the Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Fort William,* tribute was paid to a very faithful member, Mrs. N. Gemmell, who recently celebrated her 95*th* Birthday, when she was presented with a Birthday Cake, made by Mrs. Shanks. The Rev. A. H. Johnston opened the meeting with prayer, and welcomed the new Officers. Mrs. Buie, assisted by Mrs. J. G. McKirdy, Mrs. J. Wishart, Mrs. J. Childs, and Mrs. R. Arthur Jr., gave the Study on *Hong Kong*. The Devotional Period was conducted by Mrs. Doris Sinclair, Mrs. Nairn, and Mrs. Migeron. Secretaries' Reports were received, and Mrs. A. H. Johnston was appointed the Society Representative to the Manitoba Synodical Meeting. Mrs. A. Cameron was Pianist. A Social Hour followed the Meeting.

At a recent meeting, The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Geraldton,* held in the home of Mrs. M. Moat, presented a parting gift to a valued Life member, Mrs. M. McKay. President, Mrs. J. Nelson, officiated on behalf of the Auxiliary, and also spoke on "A Home In Bethany." Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Kellar, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Johnson. Others taking part in the Programme were Mrs. Bowron and Mrs. Burns.

Mr. Ronald McGraw, on furlough from *Nigeria* was Guest Speaker at the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* meeting in MacMahon Hall. Mr. McGraw, of *Yorkton,* Saskatchewan, teaches Chemistry in Hope Waddell Training Institution at Calabar, *Eastern Nigeria,* one of the oldest Secondary Schools in *Nigeria,* where 400 boys are in residence. Coloured slides illustrated his Address. Mrs. E. S. Sherlock presented the Vote of Thanks and the Devotional Period was conducted by Mrs. Wm. Bragg, Mrs. W. J. Stirrett, and Mrs. A. Grant. President, Mrs. Comba, presided, and following the meeting refreshments were served by Mrs. D. S. McKay, and Mrs. J. Sherlock.

Mr. McGraw later addressed the Evening Auxiliary of the W.M.S. at the home of Mrs. H. M. Spidell, *Port Arthur,* when President, Miss M. Campbell was in the Chair, and Mrs. S. Woods thanked the Speaker.

The C.G.I.T. of First Presbyterian Church, *West Fort William,* joined the Pearl Gray Group of that Church, for their Affiliation Service, which was conducted by Mrs. Sheillagh Hearnden. Also taking part was Mrs. Rachel Hillier, representing Superior Presbyterial; Mrs. Segne McKay, President of the Pearl Gray Group; Miss Trudy Fleming, Miss Janet Smith, Miss Cathy Green, and Miss Brenda Wihak of the C.G.I.T. Ten girls received their badges. Mrs. Margaret McCutcheon, former Missionary in *Formosa* was Guest Speaker. A Social Hour followed in the Church Hall, when the Pearl Gray Group served refreshments.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — The C.G.I.T. Groups of Calvin, Elmwood, St. James, and Stonewall Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* together held their Affiliation Service with the W.M.S. at the Evening Service in Elmwood Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg.* Presbyterial President, Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon, was Leader of the Service, with representatives from each C.G.I.T. Group participating in the Service. Membership Cards and Badges were presented to the girls.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL.—Synodical President, Mrs. Donald MacInnes, of *Ridgetown,* spoke on "The Winds of Change", at the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Hanover,* when President, Mrs. E. W. Krampp, of *Walkerton* presided, and 110 delegates were present. Mr. Don Rennie was Soloist, and preparations for the celebration of the W.M.S. 100*th* Anniversary in 1964, were presented. The Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial will be held in *Owen Sound* in 1964.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Burgoyne* Presbyterian Church held an evening service for the Women's World Day of Prayer. President, Mrs. C. M. Underwood, presided, with members and Home Helpers participating in the Service. Mrs. David Bryce, *Port Elgin,* was Guest Speaker, and a Duet was given by Mrs. Bruce Esplan and Mrs. Robt. Chappell.

Miss Bessie MacMurchy, on furlough from the Mission Field in *India,* was the special Guest of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Walkerton,* and supervised an enjoyable Indian meal, after which she spoke on her work in *India,* and showed interesting slides. Several local young women wore Indian saris, and a corsage was presented to Miss MacMurchy. Best wishes were extended as she soon returns to her work in *India.*

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — The Jean Bailey W.M.S. Auxiliary of Southgate Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* at a special Meeting, made a presentation to Mrs. C. E. Dougan, as a token of their appreciation of her Presidency for the past two years. Mrs. G. MacKay voiced the regret of the Auxiliary, that Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Douglas were now taking up service in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* where Dr. Douglas will be Visiting Pastor.

The Helen G. Mullin Evening W. M. S. Auxiliary of *West Flamboro* Presbyterian Church, entertained the Explorers on their 10*th* Anniversary. Mrs. R. H. Wright, *Dundas,* told of her trip to the *East* and the Explorers conducted the Worship Service. Mrs. N. Anderson, Presbyterial President, brought greetings, and cut the Birthday Cake.

Mrs. A. R. Douglas presided at the meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Strathcona Presbyterian Church, *Burlington,* when Mrs. R. H. Wright, of *Dundas,* showed pictures of *Hong Kong,* and spoke of the great task presented there.

A 70*th* Anniversary was celebrated by the Kannawin W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton.* President, Mrs. James Cruikshank presided, and Mrs. Sharpe was presented with a corsage, on her 92*nd* birthday. Dr. N. D. MacDonald conducted the Worship Service, and the Rev. Merrill Reside, of *Stoney Creek,* was Guest Speaker, telling of his work among the hill people of *Vietnam.* Mrs. Cruikshank gave the Historical Highlights, and Mrs. John Laing and Mrs. N. D. MacDonald presided at the Birthday Tea.

Miss Ruby Walker, who was present at the Organization of the Alice MacDonald Group of St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* was Guest Speaker at their 10*th* Anniversary. Mrs. Roy Spong presided, and three Charter Members took part in the Meeting—Mrs. Cecil Jackson; Mrs. John Bigley; and Mrs. Gordon Giles.

Miss M. Buchan presided when the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Grimsby,* celebrated a combined Family Night and Thank-Offering Meeting, with a Dessert Meeting for members and families. Explorers and C.G.I.T. conducted the Worship Service, and Mrs. D. M. Allen was Guest Speaker. Mrs. R. McMillan, Miss Jean McPhail, Mrs. M. Joslin, Miss Ruth Smith, and Mrs. R. T. Hall, all assisted to make this a worth-while project.

Leaders of the three Children's Groups—Miss Kathleen McVean, Miss Mary Westaway, and Mrs. Lex Steinkist—were presented with Life Memberships at the Easter Thank-Offering Meeting of the Elizabeth W.M.S. Auxiliary of Central Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton.* An Honorary Membership was presented to Mrs. Wm. Doherty, and Miss Beth MacKay received a Junior Certificate. Miss V. Chevannes gave an illustrated talk, "Experiences with Crossroads, Africa."

Various Denominations attended a Children's World Day of Prayer Service in *Caledonia* Presbyterian Church, which was arranged by Mrs. Oscar Quinsey. Grace United Church; Anglican St. Pauls; Caledonia Baptist; and the Presbyterian Explorers, were all represented.

And in Central Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* the Explorers, under Mrs. M. E. Westaway invited the Melrose United Church Group to join in a Day of Prayer Service in the Chapel of Central Presbyterian Church—the first such event in the history of the Group.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. Donald MacInnes, of *Ridgetown,* presided at all Sessions of the Annual Meeting of *Hamilton* and *London* Synodical, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Wingham.* Assisted by Miss Ruby Walker and Miss Clare Hanes, Regional Secretaries, and Mrs. D. R. MacDonald, Mrs. Carl Remus, Mrs. Norman Anderson, Mrs. A. A. Shaw, and Mrs. E. Spencer, the President opened the Sessions with an inspiring Service of Prayer. Mrs. W. L. Speir, of *Brussels,* President of Maitland Presbyterial, welcomed the delegates and guests, and the Junior Choir, directed by Organist Mr. H. V. Pym, sang. At this Session, National Work was presented by Mrs. R. S. Burnham; Mrs. E. W. Krampp; Mrs. A. B. Dobie; Mrs. L. Herold; Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon; and Mrs. R. B. Ross. The Rev. Gordon L. Fish, Minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, closed the Session with Family Worship, using the theme of the Meeting, "Faith and Courage."

The Rev. F. Cromey, B.A., of *Kincardine* conducted the Wednesday Morning Devotional, and an "In Memoriam" Service was led by Mrs. S. M. Scott, of *Kincardine.* During the year, 64 names from this Synodical were honoured in the "In Remembrance" page of "The Glad Tidings". Mrs. Arthur Hamilton, of *Atwood* gave the Anniversaries' Presentation, and as Synodical Convener, told of the Projects and the Anniversary Book. Miss Clare Hanes, Regional Secretary, conducted the Discussion Group on "The Constitution"; Mrs. L. Herold, the Group on "Finance"; Mrs. G. A. Gordier, "Literature and Publications"; and Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Deaconess—"Home Helpers, and Welcome and Welfare." The Rev. Russell Self, of *Jhansi, India,* the first Moderator of *Northern India,* which comprises four Presbyteries, was the Afternoon Guest Speaker, and his Address as a guide and narrator on a trip to *India,* stressed the great need for Christian literature, and its importance in the future of *India.* Soloists were Mrs. G. W. Cruikshank, Mrs. J. Day, and Mrs. B. Fagen, accompanied by Mrs. W. C. King. Presidents of the ten Presbyterials formed a Discussion Panel led by Miss Clare Hanes, and Mrs. A. MacAuley, of *Ripley* gave the closing prayer.

Evening Worship Service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Fish, and the Explorers and C.O.C. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, sang, and gave a choral reading. In costume, the *Lucknow* Evening Auxiliaries presented an historical pageant, of *Maitland* Presbyterial since its formation in *Kincardine,* in 1884. The Rev. Donald MacInnes, of *Ridgetown,* closed the Meeting with prayer. Devotions for the closing morning Session were given by the Rev. Mr. R. MacLeod, and Miss Ruby Walker conducted the Election and Installation of Officers, with Mrs. Donald Mac-

Innes re-elected as President. For the 3-day Sessions, 305 delegates were registered, and meals were served by the ladies of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Previous to the Opening Session a Board Meeting was held, followed by a Banquet for the delegates, provided by *Maitland* Presbyterial, and at this greetings were presented by the Rev. G. L. Fish, of *Wingham*; Rev. Roderick, of *Lucknow,* Moderator of *Maitland* Presbytery; and by Major R. S. Hetherington, of *Wingham.* A short Board Meeting followed the closing Session, at which a gift was presented to Miss Ruby Walker, by Mrs. E. Roe, of *Atwood,* on behalf of the Synodical Officers, and regret was expressed at the loss of Miss Walker as Regional Secretary for Hamilton and London Synodical, when she takes up her new task in her Master's service. Prayers and best wishes will follow her.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERIAL—Special Guests at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the Gordon Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of Caven Presbyterian Church, *Exeter,* were the Arnold W.M.S. Circle, of *Hensall,* the Marion Ritchie, *Cromarty* W.M.S. Auxiliary, and the *Exeter* members. President, Mrs. Alan Meikle presided, and Mrs. Carter Kerslake and Mrs. John Templeton, of *Cromarty* conducted the Devotions. Accompanied by Mrs. Malcolm Dougall, the trio, Mrs. Ben Beaton, Mrs. Harry Hay, and Mrs. Ross MacDonald, sang.

Mrs. K. Denton Taylor, Chairman of the Board of Ewart College, was introduced by Mrs. J. L. Scott. of *Cromarty,* and spoke on "Ewart College". The Guest Speaker, Miss Norma Westgate, Public Health Nurse, showed slides, and told of her work as a Missionary in the *Northwest Territories.* She was introduced by Mrs. Murray Keys, and thanked by Mrs. James Bell. A Social Evening followed.

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MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL — More than 100 delegates from the six Presbyterials — *Glengarry, Brockville, Lanark and Renfrew, Montreal, Ottawa,* and *Quebec* — attended the Annual Meeting of the Synodical of *Montreal* and *Ottawa,* which was held in Melville Presbyterian Church, *Montreal, Quebec.* Due to the illness of President, Mrs. T. R. Gates, of *Brockville,* and of the First Vice-President, Mrs. W. Stanford Reid, of *Montreal,* all four Sessions were presided over by the Second Vice-President, Mrs. H. M. Clancy, of *Arnprior.* Mrs. O. M. Cameron, President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Melville Presbyterian Church, welcomed the delegates, and Mrs. Charles Falconer, of *Lancaster,* responded. The Rev. C. C. Cochrane, B.D., Minister of the hostess Church conducted the Opening Morning Devotions.

Presbyterial Reports were presented by Mrs. Charles Falconer, for *Glengarry*; Mrs. John Jack, for *Lanark* and *Renfrew*; Mrs. H. Mayhew, for *Quebec*; Mrs. Ronald Rowat, for *Montreal*; Mrs. F. M. Mooney for *Ottawa*; Mrs. Carmen Brown, for *Brockville*. In the absence of Mrs. Stanford Reid, Anniversaries' Convener, the Anniversaries Report was given by Mrs. T. H. Cumming, and Mrs. W. J. Wilkes presented the pages for the Book of Remembrance. Miss Doris Blais was appointed Secretary for the Anniversary Committee. Devotional Periods at the various Sessions were conducted by the Rev. W. L. MacLellan, D.D., of *Cornwall,* Moderator of Synod; Mrs. J. Jack of *Lanark* and *Renfrew* Presbyterial, and Mrs. C. Brown, *Brockville* Presbyterial. Closing and Dedicatory Prayers were given by Mrs. G. N. Fitzgibbon; Mrs. J. A. Smith; Mrs. E. M. Nevison; Mrs. J. Reid; and Mrs. Colin MacGregor. The Service of Remembrance was conducted by Mrs. H. M. Clancy, Synodical Vice-President. Treasurer, Miss Bertha Ferguson, gave an excellent Financial Statement, and good Reports were given by all Departmental Secretaries. A Curator was appointed to select a permanent place for the safe-keeping of all Histories and Records. Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary, showed an interesting film on the Gracefield Presbyterian Centre.

Synodical Greetings were brought by the Moderator, the Rev. W. L. MacLellan, D.D. of *Cornwall,* and greetings from Council were presented by Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Executive Director of Overseas Missions, who was the Guest Speaker, and gave an informative and inspiring Address on the W.M.S. work in *Formosa, Nigeria,* and *British Guiana,* illustrating her talk with slides. Miss Doris Blaise, of *Montreal,* thanked the Speaker. Delegates were appointed to the Annual Council Meeting, in *Toronto,* and it was decided that the Fall Executive Meeting will be held in *Sherbrooke, Quebec,* on September 23 and 24. The suggested date for the 1964 Meeting of this Synodical was April 6, 7 and 8, and the place *Ottawa,* Ont. Mrs. J. A. Smith, of *Quebec* presented the Courtesies Report.

Following the Nominating Report, Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., installed the 1963-64 Executive, with Mrs. W. Stanford Reid, of *Montreal,* the new President; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. H. M. Clancy, *Arnprior* and Mrs. Henry Moreland, of *Milan, Quebec.* Honorary Presidents are Mrs. W. Baker, *Westmount;* Mrs. D. M. McLennan, *Toronto*; Mrs. Harcourt Emra, Ottawa; Mrs. F. D. Duminy, *Ottawa;* and Mrs. T. R. Gates, *Brockville.*

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Oh the winds blow wide, and the winds blow free
O'er the tossing waters of many a sea,
Yet safe to their haven the homing gulls fly,
Their swift wings guided by the Power on High!
(L.M.C.)

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HIGHLIGHTS of THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

by

LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

AT THE OPENING SESSION

PROF. GLEN; MRS. CURR;
DR. CAMERON, MODERATOR

CERTAINLY EVERY Annual Council Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D. is looked-forward-to with keen anticipation, by all of the many delegates who come to it from all of the seven Synodicals all across Canada, from Quebec to British Columbia! But surely this 48th Annual Council Meeting, which met in Toronto, Ontario, in 1963, from Monday May 6th to Friday May 10th, inclusive, will go down in W.M.S. history as the one perhaps most eagerly anticipated, most filled with expectation, and with the great fulfilment and envisionment of a dream come true!

And why should this be so? The answer is very simple — it is because this 48th Annual Meeting of the W.M.S. Council was held in Ewart College, the beautiful newly-completed College, which stands on the site of the former Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School, and which, all through its planning and its building, has been held so deeply in the hearts, and in the interest, of all Presbyterian women everywhere. It was indeed a great privilege, and a wonderful opportunity, for the delegates to meet together there, to experience the fellowship of the Meetings in this modern and well-equipped College, to see for themselves the comfort, convenience, hominess, and modern equipment of this long-dreamed-of College, which they, themselves, have all helped to make possible through their many generous gifts, and through their earnest prayers.

Almost all of the delegates were billetted in the College, in the lovely new bedrooms, and the whole building was their gracious home while they were there. All of the meals — and delicious they all were — were served by the College staff of the Cafeteria, and all of the Sessions were held in the many spacious rooms of this well-planned new College. In the dignified, quiet little Chapel, every morning, before the Meetings began, the Worship Service was conducted by Miss Margaret Webster, B.A., B.Ed., Principal of Ewart College, using as her theme the Key Verse of the Meetings, from the 23rd verse of the 17th Chapter of the Gospel of St. John. Every afternoon there was the "Tea Break," when "tea and cookies" were served by members of the East and West Toronto Presbyterials. And always there was the warm hospitality of Miss Webster, the Principal; Miss Ada Adams, the Dean; and the whole Ewart College Staff— and the happy fellowship which is truly possible only when women of kindred minds and aims are gathered together under one roof, in a common bond for Christian comradeship and discussion.

Ewart College, in all its aims and interests, worthily carries on the traditions of its predecessor, the first Presbyterian Training School for Missionary Candidates, which opened in 1897, and was named the Ewart Missionary Training Home, in memory of Mrs. Thomas Ewart, the devoted Presbyterian woman who had done so much to make it possible, during her years as President of the newly-formed Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, from 1881 to 1897. At her death, Mrs. Ewart's own home in Toronto, together with part of her furniture and money, was bequeathed to the establishment of this much-needed Training Home. It is fitting, indeed, that this new College, so important a part of the work of our Presbyterian Church in Canada, should bear her name, and perpetuate her devotion to her Church, as well as her high ideals of service, and well-trained personnel. And nothing could be more fitting than that the very first Conference to be held within this College, since its opening in 1962, should be the 48th Annual Council

Meeting, of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada!

The Key Verse for this 48th Annual Council Meeting was the 17th verse of the 23rd Chapter of the Gospel of St. John — "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me" — with the emphasis on the words "THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW." Sessions began on Monday, May 6th with the Registration and Reception of delegates; the warm hospitality and welcome shown to everyone by Miss Margaret Webster, Principal of Ewart College; Miss Ada Adams, Dean of the College, and the Staff in general, as delegates were directed to the rooms assigned to them, and the happy spirit of real companionship and fellowship began to make itself felt throughout the whole lovely new building, as friend met friend, new friends were introduced, and the ladies of Toronto and Kingston Synodical were everywhere with their help and welcoming hospitality. At six-thirty o'clock a delicious Buffet Supper was enjoyed in the spacious lounge of Ewart College, previous to which delegates were welcomed by the Reception Committee— Mrs. A. S. Curr, Council President; Miss Margaret Webster, B.A., B.Ed., Principal of Ewart College; Miss Ada Adams, B.Sc., Dean of Ewart College; Mrs. Paul Newton, President of Toronto and Kingston Synodical; Mrs. Howard Hogg, President of East Toronto Presbyterial, and Mrs. John McFarlane, President of West Toronto Presbyterial.

The beautiful Chapel, with its aura of reverence, its dignified simplicity of design, and the deep Presbyterian blue carpeting of the broad centre aisle and platform, was filled to capacity for the Evening Service of Worship, conducted by the Rev. J. Stanley Glen, D.D., Principal of Knox College, Toronto. A choir of ten members of the W.M.S. wearing choir gowns and mortar-boards, led the Processional up the aisle as everyone joined in singing Hymn No. 295 — "The Church's One Foundation, Is Jesus Christ, Her Lord." Following the Choir, came Miss Margaret Webster, B.A., B.Ed., Principal of Ewart College; Miss Ada Adams, B.Sc., Dean of Ewart College; the Rev. J. Stanley Glen, D.D., Principal of Knox College; Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Council; and the Rev. Ross K. Cameron, M.A., D.D., Moderator of the 88th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, who gave the Opening Address. Dr. Glen, in his Service of Worship, used as his theme the 23rd Chapter of Job, and the 14th Chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, and the Service closed with the singing of Psalm 78 — "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High."

After the formal constitution of Council by President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, and her welcome to delegates and visitors, she introduced the Principal of

Ewart College, Miss Margaret Webster, B.A., B.Ed., who extended a welcome from the Board of Ewart College, and the Staff of the College, and stressed the pleasure of the Board that the first Conference to be held in Ewart College since its opening in 1962, was this 48th Annual Council Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Since she and Miss Adams had both previously served on the W.M.S. Staff, Miss Webster emphasized their particular happiness and interest in this Council Meeting in Ewart College, which is now their special field of endeavour, and concluded by asking God's richest blessing on the Sessions, and hoping all delegates would feel really at home in the College during their stay. Introduced by President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, the Moderator, the Rev. Ross K. Cameron, M.A., D.D., based his Address on the theme of the Sessions, especially the words, "That The World May Know," which formed the handsome banner, specially made for, and donated by, the Secretary Mrs. Kenneth Philp, and which faced the audience from the top of the platform archway. Emphasizing that the Women's Missionary Society is a great part of the family of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Dr. Cameron brought greetings to this Council Meeting from the whole Church, and likened the W.M.S. and its work to "the leaven of the Church," stressing the important part Mission Work plays in the witness of the Church everywhere. "In the congregation," Dr. Cameron said, "the Women's Missionary Society gives an example of how stewardship should operate." Continuing, Dr. Cameron pointed out that the text we had chosen as the theme of our Meetings, leads directly to the source of Missions. "The source and inspiration of the missionary work of the Christian Church is implicit in the person and teaching of Jesus Christ. The spirit of God is proving again and again, in the conquest of Christian missions, the fulfilment of all God's preceeding revelation, and the fact of a living Christ, following his victorious death on the cross. Jesus gave to us, and to all mankind, a new life. There must be an expansion of our faith, and a unity in that faith. The building up, and the restoring of men and women can not be accomplished by the presentation of a fable. The miracle of incarnation is repeated in every life that God heals and possesses." Hymn No. 381 — "Zions King Shall Reign Victorious," and the Benediction pronounced by Dr. Cameron, brought the Opening Session to a close.

Worship Services each morning were given by Miss Margaret Webster, B.A., B.Ed., who, in each Devotional, further developed the Key Verse of the Meetings, the great Prayer of Jesus, as contained in the 17th Chapter of St. John. Mrs. Harold Keefer, of Trenton, Council Vice President, was Organist at all Sessions, as she has so kindly officiated at many previous Council Meetings. Her fine contribution, and her perceptive

Accompaniments are always a highlight of the Council Programme. On Tuesday morning, following the President's Constitution of Council; the Roll Call answered by 66 delegates; and a message of greeting read from Mrs. Milla McGibbon of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, U.S.A., a former well-known member of the W.M.S. in Canada — (see a contribution from Mrs. McGibbon on page 32, of our February issue); the President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, who presided at all Sessions, gave a brief and comprehensive talk on the purpose of the Annual Meeting, and the responsibilities of delegates toward the business of Council. Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Executive Director of Overseas Missions, just returned from British Guiana, and the disturbed conditions there, suggested that a cable be sent from the Council Meeting to the Mission Council in British Guiana, expressing our concern and prayers for them. Moved by Mrs. I. G. Sinclair, Welcome and Welfare Secretary, and seconded by Mrs. Paul Newton, President of Toronto and Kingston Synodical, this was passed unanimously.

Asking Mrs. W. H. Adamson, Vice President, to take the Chair, Mrs. Curr reported the Business from 1962 Council, particularly the Progress Report, on the matter of having a wider representation from the Society on Council Executive. Mrs. Curr was appointed Chairman of this Committee, with Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A., as Secretary, at the 1962 Council Meeting, to report to the 1963 Council Meeting and, having met several times during the year, this Committee brought the following recommendation to Council: — "That, for one year, it be tried to have one additional representative from each of the Synodicals — (Montreal and Ottawa; Toronto and Kingston [outside of Toronto] and Hamilton and London)— brought to Council Executive Meetings, as well as the President of these Synodicals, and that, in order that members of Council Executive, outside of Toronto, might be brought to serve on Committees, the Meetings of Council Executive be held in alternate months — also that the Committee on Broader Representation on Council Executive be retained to do further study." Lengthy discussion followed, and it was moved by Mrs. MacInnes, President of Hamilton and London Synodical, seconded by Mrs. Paul Newton, President of Toronto and Kingston Synodical, that this Recommendation be accepted. In the succeeding discussion, all aspects of this change were looked into, and then an Amendment, as follows, was moved by Mrs. Wm. Carr, Hamilton and London Synodical, and seconded by Mrs. F. M. Mooney, of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical — "That the three additional members be added to Council Executive, but that Council Executive and Committees meet every month as at present." This was carried. Miss E. L. McClelland, Treasurer, in her Treasurer's Statement pointed out that in 1962 the Total Estimate was $397,670.00; the Total Receipts

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by MISS FLORA WHITEFORD

Deaconess, Toronto, Ontario

Gracious God, Who by Thy mighty power didst make all things of nothing, and did set in order the beginnings of the world, we come before Thy throne in all our nothingness, grateful that Thy mercy and grace is able to set us in an order acceptable to Thee.

We give Thee thanks, that, in the present beauty of these summer months, we are privileged to enjoy the works of Thy creation in all their fulness. Give us eyes to see Thee in Thy handiwork.

At this time of year, too, we thank Thee for the period of vacation most of us have at our disposal. Grant that we may use it as a means of true refreshment, that our whole beings may be better fit to serve Thee as we ought.

Gracious Father, Whose touch has still its ancient power, we ask Thy blessing upon those who are sick in body, or in mind. Grant them a consciousness of Thy presence in their infirmity, or in their recovery.

Thou, Who hast promised to be our help in trouble, we bring before Thee those for whom life is little more than trouble, anxiety and frustration. We would especially remember those folk in the depressed areas of our larger cities, for whom the name of Christ has no meaning. Strengthen the people who are Thy Church, that we may be faithful to Thee in the personal concern we show for those who have little awareness of themselves, as persons. Forgive us for our reluctance to become involved in the lives of others. Keep us mindful of the extent of Thy Son's involvement with us. May the Holy Spirit enable us to reflect, in some measure, that love which has made us new creatures in Christ Jesus.

Father, we thank Thee for the assurance that, even as we pray, Thou hast already begun to answer our prayers. Make us alert to opportunities to be used in answer to our own and other peoples' prayers. Amen.

TRIBUTE OF REMEMBRANCE

PREPARED FOR COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

by MISS NELLIE SMITH

THE SAD NEWS of the sudden death of Mrs. Charles LeCocq, of Fort William, came as a great shock to the members of Council, as they were meeting in Ewart College on Tuesday, May 7th, for the second Session of the 48th Annual Council Meeting. Mrs. LeCocq for ten years served on the Board of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School—now Ewart College—and she always felt a personal interest in all the work of the School. It was a great disappointment to her that, because of ill health, she was never privileged to see the new College Building, as she so greatly desired to do, and so many times expressed this deep desire.

Mrs. LeCocq's interests were wide and varied, but her first love was for her Church. Serving first in her home Church of St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Fort William, and then in the wider field in the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), through Superior Presbyterial and Manitoba Synodical, she became President, in turn, of each of these Organizations. It can be said of Mrs. LeCocq that she knew and loved her Lord, and had a keen desire each day, and all through her lifetime, to share her knowledge of Him with others. She was an Honorary Member of the Good Companion Bible Class, and a Past President of the Women's Guild of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and in earlier days, worked with the C.G.I.T. Group. Mrs. LeCocq was always a friend to all the young people with whom she came in contact. She shared a personal interest in, and a sympathetic understanding of, all their problems. Her kindly advice, her keen sense of humour, her joyous spirit, and her gift of letter-writing, they found stimulating and inspiring, all of which endeared her to them. One can only say that her memory will long remain a challenge to those who were privileged to know her.

Mrs. LeCocq's home was a haven of rest to many a weary traveller. Missionaries, Deaconesses, and Council Executive Members — all have known what it was to receive a warm welcome, and to enjoy her gracious hospitality, as they travelled across this land of ours. For some fifty years, every monthly Meeting of her own W.M.S. Auxiliary was gladdened by her beautiful gift of flowers, and for every W.M.S. gathering in St. Andrew's Church, or throughout the Lakehead district, for many years Mrs. LeCocq made sure that lovely fresh flowers arrived from her to grace the occasion.

To her two sons and their families, we extend our deepest sympathy, in the loss of a wonderful Mother. Both the Eastern and Western Divisions of the Women's Missionary Society have lost a devoted member, and a devoted friend, but, even as she would wish, we shall not mourn, but shall go forward with a new determination to build a greater Society on the foundation that Mrs. LeCocq helped to lay.

OUR COVER PICTURE

The beautiful photograph, which forms our Front Cover Picture this month, is the second of two photographs, which came to us, some time ago, as a generous gift from Mrs. A. C. Wilson, of Victoria, B.C., whose clever photography it is. The other lovely picture was used as the Cover Picture of our March 1962 issue, and it received much admiration throughout the whole Society. Mrs. Wilson is a member of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Victoria, B.C., and these photographs were sent to us by Mrs. J. L. W. McLean, wife of the Minister of that Church, and President of Victoria Presbyterial, to whom they were given with the thought that they might sometime be used as Cover Pictures for our "Glad Tidings". Our sincere appreciation, and grateful thanks, go out to both these ladies. (L.M.C.)

SYNODICAL GIVINGS

January - April 1963

	1962	1693
British Columbia	$ 500.00	504.75
Alberta	....	1,092.08
Saskatchewan	848.69	741.03
Manitoba	1,541.25	776.00
Hamilton & London	9,417.00	10,655.25
Toronto & Kingston	8,839.30	7,910.00
Montreal & Ottawa	6,590.00	10,736.00
	$27,736.24	$32,415.11

THE PRESIDENT'S CLOSING MESSAGE

(Mrs. A. S. Curr, of Downsview, Ontario, was re-elected, by the unanimous vote of the delegates attending the Forty-Eighth Annual Council Meeting, in Toronto, Ontario, to a third term as President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Mrs. Curr, as she brought the final session of the 1963 Council Meeting to a close, left with the members a vital and thought-arousing message, which presents a challenge to every member for the months ahead.)

MRS. A. S. CURR

"I IN THEM AND THOU in me that they may be made perfect in one and THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them as thou hast loved me." (John 17:23)

As we come to the close of our Annual Council Meeting, we cannot do better than let our thoughts dwell on the beautiful prayer of our Lord, as He prayed for His disciples. He was soon to leave them; His ministry on earth was nearing its close. Soon those men who had followed Him were to be left to carry on alone.

He reminds them of this, as He prayed — "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." He passed on the work to those He left in the world. This was — and is today — a sacred trust. If we are to keep faith with our Lord's sacred trust, we must have:—

I. A DEEPER CONCERN FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

When our Lord's work was finished on earth, the continuing of His work was committed to the Church. We, as part of that Church, must go forth into the world as God's people; filled with His love; remembering the young man who asked the Lord the question — "Good Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" And the Lord answered, "What is written in the Law? What readest thou?" The young man knew the answer — "Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God with all thy heart — and thy neighbour *as thyself.*" Very often we glibly quote the words, "Love thy neighbour" — let us not forget the words, "as thyself!"

II. A PURPOSE.

Our purpose must be to serve others, in the name of Him, who was Servant of all. The Christian is called not only to serve, but to be a servant. This is the nature of true greatness.

III. A DEEPER SENSE OF URGENCY.

Urgency and being busy are *not* the same. It is possible to be very busy, and yet do very little. To have a sense of urgency means that we realize our task is one of serious importance. It is imperative that it be attended to at once. We are on the King's business, and the King's business requireth haste. A group of young people, choosing a Theme for a Conference, chose the words "Lord, Disturb Us." Words such as these contain a sense of urgency.

IV. WE MUST SEE THE MULTITUDES AND THEIR NEEDS.

How much do the needs of others really affect us? It is not what we *say,* but what we *are* — giving our life in service, love, and understanding. What does it mean to us to have a share in bringing the world to *"Know Him?"*

Do we feel like the woman who, after giving the Offering it was possible for her to give at a Thank-Offering Meeting, said joyfully, "When I give my gift, I feel that I no longer just belong to this town; I am part of the forces God is using to uplift the world!"

How much is *our* part in our giving, as we seek to answer this prayer — "That the world may know that thou hast sent me?" No one can live to himself. The Christian life is a shared life. Christian stewardship means giving everything we have, and are, to God, to be used in His Service. A Quaker gentleman visited a family in great distress and need. After his visit, he commented to his friend, "Truly, I felt for them in their great need!" Said his friend, "Yes! But didst thou feel in thy pocket?"

"Giving is living," the Angel said,
"And must I be giving, and giving again?"
My peevish and pitiless answer ran.
"Oh no," said the Angel, piercing me through,
"Just give till the Master *stops* giving to you!"

Our Lord prayed, "Sanctify them through thy truth." That is, "make them holy; dedicated; set them apart." Our Lord's desire for us is that we be set apart for His service. We must go forward accepting His challenge!

"Challenge thy people, Jehovah of hosts!
Speak as of old at this hour;
Silence alike their complaints and their boasts,
Challenge thy people with power.
Give them a task that will drain their heart's blood,
Lead, on a wilderness way;
Call them to conquest through fire-line and flood,
Challenge thy people today!"
(Jessie Brown Pounds)

AN UP-TO-DATE REPORT FROM THE ANNIVERSARIES' COMMITTEE

by ELLEN V. HAW

Chairman of the Anniversaries' Committee

SUDDENLY the 1964 Anniversaries' Meetings in Montreal seem very close! In fact they will be over in less than a year, and before the Council meets again to conduct the business of the Society!

The most interesting part of the Presentation to the 1963 Council by the Anniversaries' Committee was the reporting of events which have taken place, or will take place, all across the Society. While it will be good for those who can gather in Montreal in 1964 to have fellowship together at that time, the activities related to Anniversaries at the local group, Presbyterial and Synodical, levels are of first importance.

Here is a review of some facts and figures relating to the Montreal meetings: —

ABOUT DATES AND PLACE —
May 8, 9, 10, 1964—The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, Montreal.
Note: The special Anniversaries' Meetings are being held immediately prior to the 1964 Council Meeting. While the two events will run concurrently, they will be quite separate. It is expected that the Council Meeting will be a business session only, for approximately two days, following the special Anniversaries' Meetings.

ABOUT WHO CAN ATTEND—
The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul will hold a maximum of 1,200 people. We can plan for an out-of-Montreal registration of 800 to 900 people! The special Anniversaries' Meetings to be held May 8-9-10, 1964, are open to all women of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. This is not a "delegated" gathering. There seems to be some confusion on this point throughout the Society. The Council Meeting, which will follow the special week-end, will be the usual delegated meeting, but this is not true of the special Anniversary Meetings.

ABOUT TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION —
Registration forms, information on hotel accommodation and travel, will be made available in the fall. At the very least, convention rail travel tickets will be provided which result in a 25% saving. However, the best method is for those travelling from a certain area to group together, and arrange transportation

through the local passenger agent, to get the best possible group discount fares. This method represents a considerable saving, so enquire about it.

ABOUT PROGRAMME —
The Theme — *"The World for Christ"* (the motto of the Society chosen in 1883) Theme Speaker—Miss Margaret Kennedy of India. The Programme will include a Service of Communion; a Dramatic Presentation; Presentations by Staff in Canada and Overseas; Presentation of the Anniversary Book. Other special features will include a Children's Art Project; a printed history of the Society; historical displays by Synodicals.

ABOUT PROJECTS —
First of all we must deepen our own commitment to the work, and aim to interest others so that the work may grow. In addition, we are aiming for an increase in Glad Tidings subscriptions to a total of 25,000, so that we may have an informed membership.

Here is a report on the special financial projects as at the time of Council —

OVERSEAS I: Nurses Residence, Jobat, India
objective raised $10,000
OVERSEAS II: Christian Education Building, Taipei
objective raised .... $ 7,500
Hsin Chu Bible School
objective raised .... $ 2,500
OVERSEAS III: Helen Macdonald School, Jhansi, India
objective $5,000
raised to date .... $ 1,565
NATIONAL: Fellowship House, Winnipeg
objective $18,000
raised to date $16,609
ANNIVERSARY BOOK: For Anniversary Expenses; the balance for bursaries.
Raised to date $18,696

$56,871

It is very satisfying that additional work is being, and will be, accomplished through these special gifts. Unfortunately the Annual Estimates for the Society's on-going work have not been completely raised in the last several years. Therefore, it has been agreed that no further special Anniversary Projects will be announced, but that we adopt as an aim for the whole Society the positive resolve to—

RAISE THE 1963 ESTIMATE
Enter the Anniversary Year "free of debt."

OTHER NEWS ITEMS —
It has been agreed that, beginning in the fall of 1963, certain souvenir items will be made available to the society at moderate prices. It is expected that seals, spoons, placemats and serviettes, will be offered for sale. These items will be handled through the Publications Department — watch the Glad Tidings for the announcement.

Since more than the usual number of staff will be in Canada in 1964, it is aimed to have a Missionary Speaker in every Presbyterial in Anniversary Year.

We have much to be thankful for —the opportunity to take an active part in the Church's work, and the strong financial support which has been given, during these years leading up to 1964. But let us remember that we must press on to interest others in the work; to support the Christian Education Programme within our congregations; to face the future, willing to make adjustments to meet the needs of the day; and to aim to meet the Estimates for the Society's work, which have already been passed by Council, the governing body of the Society.

PLAN TO ATTEND THE MAY 8-9-10, 1964 MEETINGS IN MONTREAL.

(Please keep this article on hand for your own easy reference and please see that the information is given to all women in your congregation.)

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Your Prayers are asked

—For Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Dickson, House Mother and Father at Presbyterian Fellowship House, Winnipeg. May they be given Divine guidance, and God's richest blessing in their new work.

—For our Missionaries, Miss Winnifred Ripley, who is serving in the Presbytery of Victoria, B.C., and Miss Evelyn Murdock, serving in the Presbytery of Saskatoon, Sask., that they may be blessed and strengthened in their devoted witness.

—For all group members, that the summer months may be truly a time of re-creation, and of new resolve to participate in making Christ known.

—For all Camps and Training Centres, that, through them, many may receive a challenge to service, and also the information and inspiration to enable them to meet the challenge.

—For the workers, both Indian and Canadian, who give leadership in the Bhil Church: May they have health and strength to meet the needs of these times; may they realize the great importance for their work, and for their country, in their being constantly faithful to the call of Jesus Christ.

—For each of the new Missionaries, going forth to Overseas fields, this autumn. Pray that they may be strengthened as they face new ways of living, and as they prepare to take up their new work.

AND THEY CAME TO COUNCIL THAT WE MIGHT KNOW . . .

by (MRS. WM.) RHODA GEGGIE

IT IS SUNDAY AFTERNOON. The Sunday after Council. As I sit in my dining-room typing this, I am warmed by the rays of the beautiful spring sunshine as it falls across my work. Through the window, the cumulus clouds, scudding across the brilliantly-blue sky, look like the oft-mentioned puffs of cotton. Down below the evergreen hedge is the last of the ancient orchard that some say is close to 100 years old. Yet every spring it is young again. Today its blossoms are just about out. All about me is the perfume of springtime.

Those apple trees wearing their most fetching blossom bonnets are a little like us. Each spring we, too, don our most fetching bonnets, and set out for Council. For us, too, it is a time of renewal—a renewal of old friendships. Underneath the warmth of friend meeting friend, and underneath the laughter of a shared joke, there is the knowledge that this is also a time for learning, a time for sharing ideas, a time for rededication.

By the time you read this, the 48th Annual Council Meetings of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) will have passed into history. Delegates will have returned home; reports will have been made to Presbyterials and to Local groups; and those who came to Council will have taken up once more the familiar threads of their lives.

As I listened to the discussions of Council; as I heard the presentations of the five departments which together represent our work; as I looked at the Estimates for the work for 1964; I could not help but think of the tremendous distance between the local groups, raising the Estimates with the individual dollars of its individual members, and the pressing needs of Council for hundreds of thousands of dollars that the work of the Society may continue, and "that the world may know."

Who is to bridge the gap? Who is to be the informed and informing messenger? Who is to translate the needs of Council to Synodical, Presbyterial, Local Group, and right down to the individual member?

Why, the women who came to Council! The women who came in your name that you — and you — and you — might know!

No matter how capable the Executive, how well-educated, how brilliant the ideas, how dedicated the lives, without intelligent, informed individuals at the local group level, the Society could not survive.

Who is to see that we are intelligently informed? Why, the women who came to Council! They came to Council that we might know!

Who were these women? They were a cross-section of the Society. Some held offices in their local groups, others at Presbyterial level, still others at Synodical level. All had a common bond: — they were working hard at the job they had been given to do.

Was it an effort for them to come to Council, or were they footloose and fancy free, ready to leave home at a moment's notice? Mostly they were women with responsibilities. Women with husbands and children; or women with fathers and brothers; women interested in Home and School, in Hospital Auxiliaries, in seeing that this one had piano lessons, or that one arrived on time for a dental appointment. Women who washed and ironed, cooked and sewed, and cleaned and polished, almost up to the moment of leaving.

And they came to Council . . . One woman prepared all the meals in advance, and left them in the deep freeze. She also left a list of menus tacked on the cupboard door. Another, living close to the city, prepared a casserole each morning, and paid her teenage son to see that it was ready for the evening meal, and for cleaning up afterwards.

Another, when asked what she would like for Mother's Day, told her nursing-student daughter, who had holidays coming to her, that the greatest gift would be the gift of her time, so that the mother could leave knowing the younger children would be well cared for.

And they came to Council . . . There were women who had to get up before dawn, to catch buses and trains at three and four in the morning, in order to make connections at terminal cities and airports. There were women who crossed the continent in a matter of hours, and there were those who travelled for two days and two nights, and there were those close enough to travel by street car and local bus.

There were women from the plains, who found Ontario's vast stands of evergreen, as seen from the train window, beautiful, but perhaps a little confining to the vision. Women who expressed surprise that although my neighbour was but a half mile away, I could not see her house or the lights at night because of the dense growth between, and the roll of the Caledon foothills. There were women whose children were grown and away from home, who admitted their husbands were pretty fine cooks and certainly wouldn't starve, and there were women who had called on Mothers, Grandmothers and Aunts, and even an Uncle to fill the gap.

And they came to Council . . . There were those who were east of

Winnipeg for the first time; there were those who were at Council for the first time; and there was the woman who said this was her third Council meeting in nine years and she thought it was the best of all.

And — yes, I must say it! As I looked around that room, full of delegates, I could not help but think back to previous Council meetings I had attended as an observer. The thought came: — "Either you're getting a lot older, or the delegates are getting a lot younger!" I remembered the Belleville Training Centre last summer, where large numbers of younger women were seeking leadership training. It is on such as these that the future of our Society depends.

And they came to Council that we might know!

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In Remembrance

NAME	CHURCH	PRESBYTERIAL
Mrs. Bertha Tweedley	First, Brockville	Brockville
Mrs. Margaret I. Chatson	First, Brockville	Brockville
Mrs. F. Marklevitz	Geneva, Chesley	Bruce and Owen Sound
Mrs. Walter Gray	Geneva, Chesley	Bruce and Owen Sound
Mrs. Alex Gardiner	St. Andrew's, Scarborough	East Toronto
Mrs. W. Green	St. Andrew's, Scarborough	East Toronto
Mrs. John D. MacRae	St. Colombo, Kirk Hill	Glengarry
Mrs. Jessie Sandilands	St. Colombo, Kirk Hill	Glengarry
Mrs. James Urquhart	Kenyon, Skye	Glengarry
Mrs. Margaret McNaughton	St. Andrew's, Lancaster	Glengarry
Miss Christina McKenzie	St. David's, Campbellville	Guelph
Miss Melvina Moore	St. Andrew's, Kitchener	Guelph
Mrs. Gertrude M. Herrick	Knox, Vernon	Kamloops and Okanagan
Mrs. J. A. Carmichael	St. Andrew's, Kingston	Kingston
Mrs. Elizabeth Blackburn	Presbyterian, Dewar's	Lanark and Renfrew
Mrs. Edna MacMillan	Presbyterian, Dewar's	Lanark and Renfrew
Mrs. Samuel Scoyne	St. John's, Port Stanley	London
Mrs. Adam S. Gray	St. Andrew's, Lethbridge	MacLeod
Miss Catharine Buchanan	St. Andrew's, Welland	Niagara
Mrs. James McIlvride	St. Andrew's, Welland	Niagara
Mrs. Laura Greenwood	First, North Pelham	Niagara
Mrs. Henry Watt	Tweedsmuir Memorial, Orangeville	Orangeville

Mrs. Wilfred Gamble	Presbyterian, Waldemar	Orangeville
Mrs. John Sutton	St. Andrew's, Hillsburg	Orangeville
Mrs. Stewart Douglas	Knox, Woodstock	Paris
Mrs. J. M. Rosevear	St. Paul's, Port Hope	Peterborough
Mrs. Fred Cook	Memorial, Rocky Mountain House	Red Deer
Mrs. Jean Millar	St. Vigeon's, Arbroath	Scotland
Mrs. Charles LeCocq	St. Andrew's, Fort William	Superior
Mrs. Annie C. Floyd	Knox, Fort Francis	Superior
Miss Lillian Elizabeth Davidson	Mt. Pleasant, Vancouver	Westminster
Mrs. Annie McKeown	Robertson, Vancouver	Westminster
Miss E. A. (Lyle) Hyde	St. John's, Winnipeg	Winnipeg
Mrs. Archie Giffen	St. Andrew's, Brampton	West Toronto
Mrs. Elizabeth McLelland	St. Andrew's, King City	West Toronto
Mrs. David (Mary) McPherson	Parkdale, Toronto	West Toronto
Miss Mary Ramsay	St. Andrew's, Port Credit	West Toronto

PRESBYTERIAN W.M.S. TRAINING CENTRES
1963

Attention!

Synodical Officers
Presbyterial Officers
Officers and members of Adult Groups
Leaders of C.O.C., Explorers, Teenage Girls' Groups

Have **you** sent in your registration for the Training Centre for your area?

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—in their knowledge and understanding of the Bible
—in spiritual insight and fellowship
—in an understanding of The Presbyterian Church and its work
—in their ability as leaders

THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT AT COUNCIL

by MISS LOUISE A. REITH, M.A.

ON WEDNESDAY, May 8th, during the "Presentation of the Work of the Society", delegates and members of the staff and committees of the Organization Department participated in a variety of discussions. The room at Ewart College in which these discussions took place contained displays of posters, books, and maps, showing materials recommended for use in Children's, Teenage, and Adult, weekday Church groups in 1963-64.

First of all, some time was spent in thinking about "The main objective of Women's Missionary Society groups in a local congregation." This was done by the group looking at a number of statements of objectives, and evaluating their relative importance and accuracy. It was generally agreed that the one of first importance was to "help people (children, youth, and adults) to understand their place in winning the world for Christ." In order to do this it was felt there should be as many groups of the "W.M.S. Family" as the local situation required, and that, if in these groups proper education was given concerning the Christian Church and its responsibilities throughout the world, the desired results would follow.

A Presentation was made in regard to the membership of the Organization Committee, its sub-Committees — Children's, Girls', Adult, Deputation — their work and their relationship to Council Executive. This was done by means of charts, an agenda of a regular Organization Committee, and a "Conversation" between "a member of the Organization Committee," "a member of a Sub-Committee," and "an Organization Secretary on Presbyterial."

Following this brief Presentation, time was given for those present to prepare questions, as the basis for general discussion. During the five Presentations, a variety of questions were discussed on such subjects as —membership of the Committees; how study themes were chosen and packets prepared; specific questions related to C.O.C.; Explorers; C.G.I.T.; and Adult groups; their inter-relationship in local congregations, and the responsibility of Presbyterials for them; the concern which women should have for Co-ed and boys' groups, as well as those affiliated with the Society; the relationship of Bible Study to Mission Study, and materials available for use.

Through all the discussions was the consciousness of the text of the Council — John 17:23 — especially the words "That the world may know," and the realization that it is only as adults, youth, and children, in local congregations "know" of the love of Christ and the need of the world in which they live, that they will be compelled to go out in sacrificial love to their local community, their country and the whole world. Because of this the responsibility laid upon all teachers and leaders in the educational task of the Society is very great, and requires the best that each can give.

Members of the Organization Committee and Staff participating in the Presentations and discussions at various times were: Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, Chairman of the Organization Committee; Mrs. George Peckover, Chairman of the Adult Committee, and Secretary for Afternoon groups; Miss Olive Grant, Secretary for Evening groups; Mrs. J. B. Taylor, Secretary for Children's Work on Council Executive; Mrs. W. Geggie of the Adult Committee; Mrs. E. C. Treleaven of the Girls' Work Committee; Dr. J. S. Clarke, General Secretary of the Board of Christian Education; Miss Louise Reith, Director of Organization for the Women's Missionary Society, W.D.; Miss Helen Tetley, National Secretary for Teenage Work; Miss Mabel Booth, National Secretary for Children's Work; Regional Secretaries —Miss Lois Powrie, Miss Ruby Walker, Miss Clare Hanes, Miss Dorothy Keller, Miss Margaret Boyd, Miss Barbara Woodruff, Miss May Nutt — Office Staff— Miss Marjorie McMullin and Miss Margaret Tranmer.

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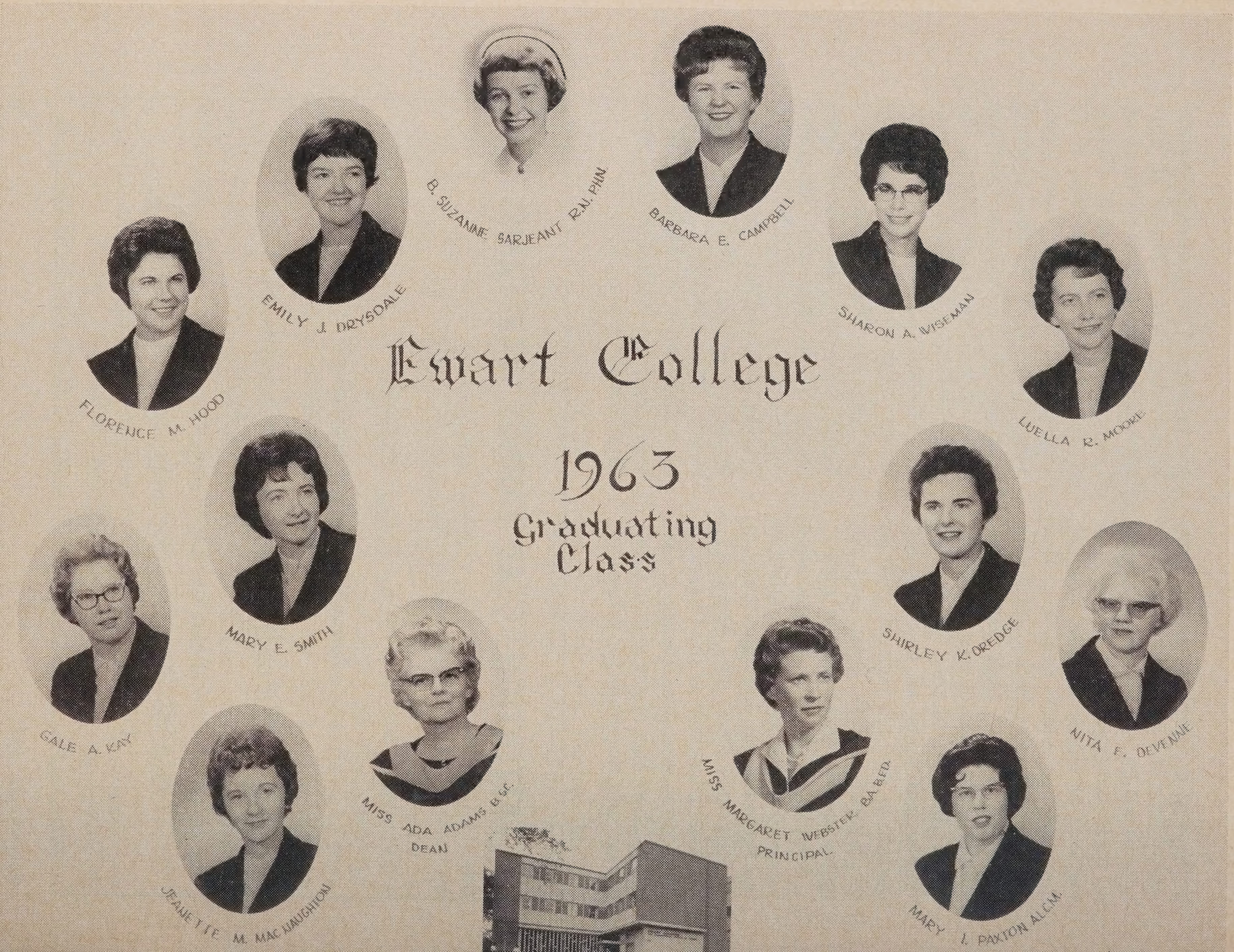
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1963 EWART COLLEGE GRADUATES

BARBARA CAMPBELL:

Home—Edmonton, Alberta.
Home Church—First Presbyterian Church, Edmonton.
Previous Experience—Office secretary with Dri-Lock of Canada Limited in Edmonton.
Plans for 1963-64—Congregational Deaconess at First Presbyterian Church, Chatham, Ontario.

NITA DEVENNE:

Home—New Glasgow, Nova Scotia.
Home Church—First Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow.
Plans for 1963-64—Further study in Toronto.

SHIRLEY DREDGE:

Home—Acton, Ontario.
Home Church—Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church.
Previous Experience—Elementary School teacher for 5 years.
Plans for 1963-64—Shirley will leave in September of this year to teach in Nigeria on the staff of the Women's Missionary Society (Western Division).

EMILY DRYSDALE:

Home—Wallace, Nova Scotia.
Home Church—St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church, Wallace.
Plans for 1963-64—Emily will serve on the staff of the Women's Missionary Society (Western Division) as Presbytery Deaconess in the Presbytery of Red Deer, Alberta.

FLORENCE HOOD:

Home—Kirkwall, Ontario.
Home Church—Kirkwall Presbyterian Church.
Previous Experience—Elementary School teaching for several years.
Plans for 1963-64—Florence will serve on the staff of the General Board of Missions of the Church as Presbytery Deaconess in the Presbytery of Pictou, Nova Scotia.

GALE KAY:

Home—Guelph, Ontario.
Home Church—Knox Presbyterian Church, Guelph.
Previous Experience—Several years of teaching elementary school.
Plans for 1963-64—Study at the University of Waterloo.

JEANETTE MACNAUGHTON:

Home—Greenhill, Nova Scotia.

Home Church—Salem Presbyterian Church, Greenhill.

Previous Experience—Office secretary for the Temperance Education Unit of the Department of Education of the Province of Nova Scotia, in Pictou.

Plans for 1963-64—Jeanette will serve as Congregational Deaconess in Central Presbyterian Church, Brantford, Ontario.

LUELLA MOORE:

Home—Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Home Church—Parkview Presbyterian Church, Saskatoon.

Previous Experience in business.

Plans for 1963-64—Congregational Deaconess at Knox Presbyterian Church, Burlington, Ontario.

MARY PAXTON:

Home—Toronto, Ontario.

Home Church—Riverdale Presbyterian Church, Toronto.

Previous Experience—Bookkeeper in a Toronto law office.

Plans for 1963-64—Further study in Toronto.

SUZANNE SARJEANT, REG. N.:

Home—Orillia, Ontario.

Home Church—Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto.

Previous Experience—Several years of nursing at the Wellesley Hospital in Toronto as well as some experience in Britain.

Plans for 1963-64—Miss Sarjeant will leave in September to serve on the staff of the Women's Missionary Society (Western Division) in charge of a Public Health Unit in India.

MARY SMITH:

Home—Collingwood, Ontario.

Home Church—First Presbyterian Church, Collingwood.

Previous Experience—Two years in a business office in Collingwood.

Plans for 1963-64—Plans indefinite at present time.

SHARON WISEMAN:

Home—Rosetown, Saskatchewan.

Home Church—Rosetown Presbyterian Church.

Plans for 1963-64—Studies at the University of Saskatchewan in preparation for undertaking specialized work among Canadian Indians.

EWART COLLEGE GRADUATION — 1963

by MISS MARGARET WEBSTER, B.A., B.Ed.

Principal of Ewart College

The Graduation Service of Ewart College took place in Knox College Chapel on Thursday, April 25. The Reverend R. H. Armstrong, M.A., B.D., Minister of Erskine Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, Ontario, conducted the worship. The College Choir, under the direction of Mr. Henry Rosevear, F.C.C.O., F.T.C.L., sang the anthems "A Prayer for To-day" (Hoffman and House) and "How Lovely are the Messangers" from St. Paul (Mendelssohn).

Twelve young women graduated from the College — eleven having completed the regular three-year course, and one the special one-year course for nurses. Three of the graduates expect to serve as Congregational Deaconesses, or Directors of Christian Education; two will work as Presbytery Deaconesses; two will go Overseas (one to India and one to Nigeria); four plan to undertake further studies; and one has not yet made definite plans for her work.

The Reverend J. A. Munro, M.C., B.A., D.D., Home Missions Secretary of the General Board of Missions, of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, gave the Address to the Graduating Class, basing his message on the third chapter of Ephesians.

Mrs. K. Denton Taylor, B.A., Chairman of the Board of the College, presided. Mrs. Taylor expressed the appreciation that the Board, and Staff of the College, feel towards the members of the Church for making possible the erection and furnishing of the new College building, which has been in use throughout this College year. A relatively small amount of money is now required to complete the payments on the building and furnishings.

The Principal of the College, Miss Margaret Webster, B.A., B.Ed., reported that 22 students were enrolled in the College during the 1962-63 Academic Session, and that the remainder of the residence was completely filled with students enrolled in various faculties of the University, and in other Colleges. She also stated that a number of applications for enrolment have already been accepted for the fall of 1963, and that an increasing number of girls and young women are enquiring concerning the courses at the College.

The Gold Pin of the Order of Deaconesses was presented (in absentia) to Miss Margaret Kennedy, Missionary on the Bhil field in India. In the Presentation Address, Miss Webster mentioned the outstanding contribution made by Miss Kennedy in the Evangelistic work, Women's Work, and Leadership Education in India, and the inspiration and interest she had brought to the Church in Canada as she undertook deputation work across the Dominion. The pin was accepted, on Miss Kennedy's behalf, by Miss Suzanne Sarjeant, a member of the Graduating Class, who begins her work in India in the autumn.

Members of the graduating class were:

THREE YEAR DIPLOMA COURSE

Barbara Campbell, Edmonton, Alberta
Nita DeVenne, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia
Shirley Dredge, Acton, Ontario
Emily Drysdale, Wallace, Nova Scotia
Florence Hood, Kirkwall, Ontario
Gale Kay, Guelph, Ontario
Jeanette MacNaughton, Green Hill, Nova Scotia
Luella Moore, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Mary Paxton, A.L.C.M., Toronto, Ontario
Mary Smith, Collingwood, Ontario
Sharon Wiseman, Rosetown, Saskatchewan

ONE YEAR COURSE FOR NURSES

Suzanne Sarjeant, Reg. N., Orillia, Ontario

GENERAL PROFICIENCY SCHOLARSHIPS

First Year

1. Ann Drummond, Burwash, Ontario
2. Judy Craig, Hamilton, Ontario
   Joanne VanBrummelen, Calgary, Alberta

Second Year

1. Eileen McVittie, Toronto, Ontario (The Jennie A. Thompson Memorial Scholarship)

Third Year

1. Sharon Wiseman, Rosetown, Saskatchewan
2. Barbara Campbell, Edmonton, Alberta

Alumnae Scholarship — Sharon Wiseman, Rosetown, Saskatchewan

The Gwendolyn Langford Memorial Scholarship — Suzanne Sarjeant, R.N., Orillia, Ontario

The Ada Major Scholarship—Margaret Balderston, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Ann Drummond, Burwash, Ontario; Joanne VanBrummelen, Calgary, Alberta

The Jennie and Bell Hossack Memorial Scholarship — Marilyn Duffield, Sylvan Lake, Alberta; Joanne VanBrummelen, Calgary, Alberta

The Jane Beatrice Gray Scholarship — Mary Paxton, A.L.C.M., Toronto, Ontario
The Isabel Glenn Scholarship — Shirley Dredge, Acton, Ontario
The Leonie Pirch Award — Emily Drysdale, Wallace, Nova Scotia
The Elizabeth Scott McKay Memorial Scholarship — Suzanne Sarjeant, R.N., Orillia, Ontario

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Searchlight on the Mission Overseas

OVERSEAS PRESENTATION AT COUNCIL

by MISS MARY E. WHALE, B.A.

MRS. J. A. NEWSTEAD, Chairman of the Overseas Committee, co-ordinated the Overseas Presentation. Present for the Presentation were members of the India staff — Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg. N., M.Sc.N., Director of the Graduate School of Nursing, Indore; Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., Amkhut, Bhil Field; Miss Pauline Brown, Reg. N., Mobile Medical Units; Miss Helen Acton, Reg. N., Director of Nursing services, Jobat Hospital. New members of the staff were introduced. They are Miss Suzanne Sarjeant, Reg. N., Miss Catherine Polson, Reg. N., going to the Bhil Field, India, and Miss Shirley Dredge, who is going to Nigeria. Mrs. Newstead also introduced Miss Betty Sydie, secretarial assistant to the Director. Dr. E. H. Johnson, Overseas Secretary to the General Board of Missions was present for two of the Presentations. He spoke particularly of the work in Formosa and the Korean Christian Church in Japan.

The preparation for the Presentation was made by Miss Scott and Miss Sydie, in summarizing the reports from the fields. The Presentations attempted to enlarge on these reports and emphasize the main points in them. Miss Scott, Miss Brown, Miss MacMurchy and Miss Acton presented the India fields, Bhil and Jhansi, by conversing about various aspects of the work. Miss Mary Whale, B.A., Director of the Overseas Missions, spoke to the report on British Guiana, Nigeria, Formosa, and the Korean Christian Church in Japan.

Underlying the Presentation, was the emphasis that the members of the Society should seek to know the situation in which Missionaries are working abroad, and the very real desire, in many cases, for the knowledge of the Christian faith. Delegates were asked to consider carefully the Estimates, and to back to their Presbyterials and Auxiliaries and ask for prayer for the work of our Society Overseas.

The dialogue on India indicated that the great opportunity there is now for the knowledge of the Christian Gospel. The people are turning to Christians to receive health of body. Receiving the touch of God's power through Medical Work, they have been led to seek the greater knowledge of man's relationship with God. Throughout the field, particularly in the area south of the Narbada River, there are, in these days, continued inquiries about the Christian faith. These inquiries are leading to baptism, where there can be a fairly constant teaching.

The Educational Work was shown to be a basis on which strong Christian leadership has been, and is being, founded. The Helen MacDonald School in Jhansi, and the Amkhut School system, are attempting to provide the training that is required in present-day India, to meet the needs of the country, and to train young people to responsibility as Christians. The Schools — including the Graduate School of Nursing in Indore — have a constant, and a very great, challenge to make their leadership in the life of India a witness to the glory of God.

The dialogue ended by pointing out that, behind all this activity, there is the call of God to make His love known through every possible means. In Evangelistic teaching, in Medical Work, and in Education, God is working to bring men and women unto Himself.

Miss Mary Whale, who had just returned from British Guiana, spoke of the condition of the moment in that country. At the time of Council, the country was in the third week of a general strike — work of all kinds had stopped. There was an undercurrent of tension throughout the land — a tension which was political — but which had been turned into racial tension. She urged the Society to remember the Missionaries and the Country in prayer. She urged, also, that we fully support the work of our Church in this land, which surely needs the message of the Gospel in all phases of its life.

The work of the Presbyterian Church of Formosa is developing rapidly. Dr. Johnson reported the formation of a new Mountain Presbytery, and of the growth of every Department of the Church's work. Here, as in other areas of our work abroad, there is a strong appeal for Missionary help. The W.M.S. (W.D.) has not for many years had so few Missionaries in Formosa. This is a need the Society must have urgently before it.

The Society has one Missionary with the Korean Christian Church in Japan. There is before it the urgent request for two women Missionaries to aid this small, but powerful, church, to carry the Gospel to Koreans in Japan. Once again the Society was asked to keep this need for workers in Christian Education very much in mind and in prayer.

Another area in which the Christian Gospel is very much desired, as part of the background of a developing country, is Nigeria. Our staff there has done a great deal in extending the Church's Christian Leadership

Programme. Last year we sent two Nurses, both of whom are very busy in Presbyterian hospitals. There, too, there is a need for Canadian leadership, particularly in Medical Work and in secular education.

As each session closed, Mrs. Newstead urged the women to seek to understand the Overseas Budget for 1964, so that each one would realize the importance of the task we have been given to do throughout the world, and, realizing this, give her support, in prayer and in substance, to this task.

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Sharing in Canadian Missions

THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT AT COUNCIL

by MISS GIOLLO G. KELLY, B.A.

WHAT IS the task of the Church of Jesus Christ today, within a changing Canada? Members of our National staff endeavoured to answer this question, in part, as they told of the work in which they are engaged, and the challenge facing the Church in this space age.

The room assigned to the National Department was decorated with colourful posters depicting the various phases of National mission work. Displays of Chinese and Indian Canadian artwork and handwork proved of great interest to all.

The Director extended a warm welcome to those attending the National Department Presentation, and introduced the Chairman and Co-Chairman of the National Committee, Mrs. A. Glenn Thompson and Mrs. G. H. Peckover. Mrs. Thompson then introduced the following National staff members: — Miss Margaret Near and Miss Elsie Lee, of the Chinese Presbyterian Church, Toronto; Miss Catherine Watson of Tyndale House, Montreal; Miss Lillian Reay of St. Matthew's Christian Education Centre, Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Robinson, Principal and Matron of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, Kenora; and Misses Hazell Davis, Florence Goertzen and Flora Whiteford, our Downtown Mission staff in Toronto. Mrs. Thompson also introduced Miss Vera Carson, who has given many years of faithful service to our Society, as Secretary to the Director of National Missions. Miss Emily Drysdale, a member of the 1963 graduating class of Ewart College, and recent appointee to the staff of the National Department, was presented by the Director.

Miss Near told of the many avenues of Christian service to the Chinese in Canada, especially among the newcomers. Only one in ten of these recent immigrants is Christian, but these have brought new life and vigour to our established Chinese congregations in Canada. Some people claim that the Church should endeavour to make Canadians out of our Chinese people. Miss Near voiced her disagreement with this idea, stating that if we lead the non-Christians to Christ, they also will be good Canadian citizens. She stated that our Chinese Church is very much aware of its evangelistic responsibility to the non-Christians in the community. There is a need, however, for bilingual services in our Chinese congregations, to meet the changing situation within the Chinese communities. Miss Lee spoke briefly of her recent work among the Chinese in Windsor, and also of her activities in Toronto since her transfer in March. Much of her time is spent in visiting and working with the older Chinese women, who do not speak the English language.

Slides which depicted the activities carried on in Tyndale House, an evangelical Social Settlement in downtown Montreal, were shown by Miss Watson. In addition to the congregation, which was organized over a year ago, some forty groups meet regularly in Tyndale House. The three full-time staff members are assisted in these activities by more than forty volunteers, from the district and from other Presbyterian congregations in Montreal. Miss Watson serves in the capacity of Director of Christian Education, and is responsible for the Nursery School, which meets five mornings each week, as well as for the other "Church-centred" Programmes. The boys' and girls' library provides good reading material for the children in the area. Cooking and sewing classes for teenage girls are popular, as are the activities of the Young Mothers' Club and the busy Summer Programme of Vacation Church School, Camp and planned recreation for all ages.

Miss Reay told of her work as Deaconess at St. Matthew's Christian Education Centre, located in the Fraserview district of Vancouver, a district which originally was developed as a veterans' housing area and which is now a middle class working area. There are a large number of children and young people in the district. These present a real challenge, and indicate a need for the witness of the Christian Church in the area.

"Our work with the Indian Canadian is one of the most challenging in the National Department," Mr. Robinson stated, as he gave a brief summary of the historical background of the Cecilia Jeffrey School, and of the many changes which have taken place over the years. He referred to the Integration Programme in Education, and reported that several of the Indian children stood first in the integrated classes. Mr. Robinson outlined the various activities of the School, indicating that the underlying purpose of all activity was to lead the children into the Christian faith. Mrs. Robinson told of her duties in the School, where she must be prepared for all emergencies. She also told of the handling of the bales, indicating the types of materials required, and expressed her appreciation for the prayers and support of the members of the Society.

An energetic Programme has been undertaken by Bonar Church, Toronto, with a view to reaching the people in the community. Miss Davis told of one phase of this programme — the religious drama group which has been organized among the young people. She showed a number of slides of the dramas produced to date, which have proven an effective witness to the community.

Miss Goertzen spoke of her work in Christian Education among the youth in the area of St. Matthew's Church; an area composed of large one-family homes that have become multiple family dwellings and boarding houses, an area with a much greater population numerically than formerly, but with a reduced Church-attending population. Miss Goertzen also told of a Bible Class, which she has started at the request of the people and which is proving most fruitful.

"Why is the Church so irrelevant to the people in the community?" This was the question asked by Miss Whiteford, who is engaged in Downtown Mission Work in the Queen Street East area of Toronto. She stressed the great need for understanding, and stated that we must accept all people exactly where they are, and how they are. We must be participants with the folk in our downtown depressed parishes, and, as members of the Christian Church, we must speak out against the unfair practices with which many of the people who are caught in the inner city are faced.

The National Department Presentation was summed up by the Director, who referred briefly to the phases of our National work not already presented. Miss Kelly stressed the great need for the Gospel of Jesus Christ within our changing nation, which is becoming decreasingly Christian, and stated that the situation called for a greater sense of urgency on the part of the Church, and a renewed consecration on the part of all of the members of our Society.

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FOUR THINGS

Four things in any land must dwell,
If it endures and prospers well—
One is manhood, true and good;
One is noble womanhood;
One is child life, clean and bright,
And one an Altar, kept alight.

(Selected)

CAMPING IN OHAFIA, EASTERN NIGERIA

by A NIGERIAN TEEN-AGER

ONE EVENING one of the Canadian Missionaries showed us some pictures of a camp in British Columbia, Canada. I liked the little houses you stayed in, and the water where you swam looks endless. I know you would like to hear some things about our camp at Ohafia where we stayed in dormitories at the Ohafia Girls' School. I'll try to think of the things you would be interested in as a teen-ager like myself. I know food will be a good topic to start with.

FOOD: When I was about nine years old, my mother taught me to cook soups, stews, and other dishes. Before that, I helped her pound the pumpkin seeds, crayfish for the soup, as well as doing other small jobs. At camp, we brought our own food, and we cooked out-of-doors over a fire. Can you imagine 50 of us all cooking at once? Sometimes four or five of us put our food all in one pot. Because of our early training in cooking, we didn't spoil many dishes. Do you ever use sand to clean your pots? It works beautifully, and we certainly have lots of sand in Ohafia. They say that our soil was once under the sea, thousands and thousands of years ago, and that is what makes it so sandy.

SLEEPING: From our beds, we could look out at the huge, starry sky, but that wasn't very often, because we usually closed the shutters to keep out the cold. I know it is not too cold in the evenings for you people in Canada, but we shiver when the temperature drops a few degrees in the night. Our Leaders slept in the dormitories with us, and they could hear every word we said. One or two girls snored, which didn't help matters! I'm sure our poor Leaders' ears are still ringing after hearing us chatter, every day for four days. Sometimes they had to warn us to be quiet. One kept saying, "Remember, the rising bell is at 5:30 a.m. — not 5:30 p.m."

GAMES AND SINGING: Do you use instruments to accompany your singing and dancing? I didn't see any in the pictures of your camp! We often use the drums, shakers and udu. We sang English and Ibo songs. We loved "Zum Gali Gali." Do you know it? Here are the words of one of our songs. We dance while singing it too.

"The chief is a great man.
His deeds are good. He makes peace.
He helps others.
The chief is a great man."

EVENING EVENTS: Sometimes we danced and sang, or told proverbs and stories around a campfire. One evening we had games and drama. Each evening we closed with prayers led by one of our Leaders. After we got into bed, we sang a hymn and said the Lord's Prayer together.

BIBLE STUDY: Once we had a flannelgraph story, and another time we had discussion in our groups. I enjoyed it because the Bible Study was called, "Our Church", and I certainly learned a lot about our Presbyterian Church in Nigeria. One morning the Minister showed us around the Church, and answered our questions. Another time, the Church Sister told us about her training and her work.

PROJECTS: One day we made a Palestinian village out of paper and sand for the houses. Then we used groundnuts, sticks, flowers etc. to make it more real. The 'Hibiscus Group' won the competition for the best village and we, the 'Frangi Pani Group' came second. How do you like the names of our groups? They are two of our local flowers.

One afternoon we walked down to our local market, and swept it for the merchants. Another time, the midwife showed us through the Maternity Centre and spoke to us. We also had talks on Good Grooming and Hygiene.

I hope you have a happy camping time, and I hope you have as much fun as I did. It was wonderful to live together as one big Christian family, and learn more about living as a Christian should.

HAPPY CAMPING TO ALL OF YOU!

(SHAKERS: Small instrument of bamboo which looks like a large baby's rattle. Stones inside are shaken.

UDU: A clay pot, the size of a medium pumpkin, with two holes in it which are thumped alternately, with the upper, inside hand.

CHURCH SISTER: the word for 'deaconess' in the Presbyterian Church in Nigeria.

GROUNDNUTS: Another word for 'peanuts.')

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PRAYER FOR DOMINION DAY

God bless our native land;
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night;
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Thou who art strong to save
Be Thou her might!

Not for this land alone,
But be God's mercies shown
From shore to shore;
And may the nations see
That men should brothers be,
And form one family
The wide world o'er. (Selected)

Boys and Girls!

KIMMY'S PROBLEM

(adapted from information given by Miss Margaret Near)

"GRANDMA always looks sad," thought Kimmy, as he sat eating his bowl of noodles in their small kitchen. After Ying, his brother, was born, Grandma had come from Hong Kong to live in Canada with Kimmy and his family. When his mother went to work each day, his Grandma looked after his brother and himself.

"It's time to go to Chinese school," called Grandma. "I shall walk with you to make sure you get there safely." Taking Ying by the hand, Grandma started out for the Chinese Church.

"Walk with us!" called Grandma to Kimmy, as he ran ahead.

"Grandma," said Kimmy, with a disgusted air, "I'm not a little boy! I am ten years old. I can go to the Church by myself."

Even though Kimmy felt so confident about himself, he often thought of his Grandma. She was lonesome at home all day, when his mother was at work and he and his brother were at school. He wished that she could meet people. Then she wouldn't be so sad.

One day Kimmy asked, "Grandma, why are you so sad?"

"I am worried about Third Great-Aunt who lives in China," she answered with a sigh. "I wonder if she has enough to eat. And then there is poor Second Uncle who lives in Hong Kong. He couldn't find a job when I was there. He may not have a house to live in. Hundreds of people have crowded into Hong Kong." Then Grandma had turned quickly away, but Kimmy could see her wipe away tears from her eyes. This wasn't the first time he had seen her cry. Sometimes, when she thought he was not watching, he would see her bow her head and big tears would come to her eyes.

"You know Kimmy," she said one day, "when I was your Mother's age, I lived with Grandfather in his home. It was good to live with Grandparents and parents, children and cousins."

"I don't know about that," said Kimmy, "in Canada each family lives by themselves."

Kimmy arrived at the Chinese school before Ying. He was thinking so much about the conversation he had with his Grandmother the other day that he did not notice that anyone was near.

"Hi! Kimmy, what's on your mind?" exclaimed Jimmy coming up behind him. Kimmy liked the club leader. He seemed to know how a fellow feels.

"Ah, it's my Grandma," said Kimmy slowly, "she stays at home all the time and gets sadder every day. I think the trouble is that she hasn't any friends."

"Why don't you tell Miss Wu about her. Maybe she could get your Grandma to come to church."

Kimmy had often seen Miss Wu when he came to boy's club. She was always so busy with the girls, he hadn't thought of speaking to her about his Grandma.

"Come on, let's find her now," urged Jimmy, "you can tell her about your Grandma."

And so it was arranged that Miss Wu would visit Kimmy's and Ying's Grandma.

When Miss Wu went to visit, she talked about Hong Kong. She had come from China too. Grandma felt, for the first since she came to Canada, that she had met a friend.

"We have a woman's meeting at the Chinese Church," said Miss Wu. "I think you would enjoy yourself."

Grandma hesitated. "I might not know what they say."

"Oh, yes, you would," assured Miss Wu. "Many of the women cannot speak English. Some speak the same dialect you do. I'll call for you on Tuesday and take you to the meeting."

Grandma went to the Women's meeting at the Chinese Church the following week. She met other Grandmothers who were worried about their families in China too. She learned that in Canada the Chinese people do things differently, just as Kimmy had said.

Kimmy's Grandma continued to go every week to the meetings. He didn't know what they did at the meetings, but he knew his Grandma was happier than she had been since coming to Canada. When he asked his Grandma what they did, she always said it was a secret. Their mother was glad too, that Grandma had made friends.

Kimmy and Ying often wondered what the secret could be. Then one day when they came from school they saw their Grandma sitting with a book in her hand. She smiled as they came into the room.

"Look Kimmy and Ying," she said, "I can read this verse from the book of John. Miss Wu gave me this New Testament to bring home." Proudly she read verse after verse. At last Kimmy and Ying had learned Grandma's secret. It was a happy day for their whole family. Grandma had found friends at the Chinese Church. She would not be sad again.

(The Presbyterian Junior Camp Mission Project is to help to bring a Chinese girl from China, to take training at Ewart College, in preparation for working at one of the Chinese Churches in Canada. This story has been written to help the girls and boys understand the kind of work such a person would do after graduation.)

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

(Continued from page 5)

were $348,924.77; with Disbursements totalling $367,654.76; thus leaving an excess over Receipts of $18,729.99. Miss McClelland also reported on The Peace Thanksgiving Fund.

The Report of the Board of Trustees was presented by the Chairman, Mrs. G. R. Pye, who told of the transferring of the two acres of land, and the cottage, which comprised the Sylvan Lake Camp in Alberta, (purchased by the W.M.S. in 1944), to the Synod of Alberta who had maintained and cared-for the property for many years, and now wished to include this property with their own in a ten-year expansion plan for their adjoining Camp Kannawin. This transfer was agreed by Council in 1961, and completed during 1962.

Mrs. I. G. Sinclair, Welcome and Welfare Secretary, in presenting her Report, asked that up-to-date lists be sent to her early in the year, so that she can forward these to Miss Frieda E. Matthews, Director of Immigration for the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and delegates were reminded to use the Removal Forms. Miss Matthews added to this the need for correct addresses of Welcome and Welfare Secretaries. Mrs. G. A. Warrington, Life Membership Secretary reported an increase in orders received during the year. Mrs. J. M. Burnett, Christian Literature Secretary, with her Committee, Mrs. E. C. Treleaven and Miss Olive Grant, gave a Panel Report of the Projects planned for 1963; told of the new Christian Literature World Fund; and at a later session Mrs. Burnett completed her Report, and Mrs. E. C. Treleaven displayed pictures showing the great need for Christian Literature throughout the world. At noon, an impressive Service of Remembrance was given by Mrs. H. J. Loney, President of Manitoba Synodical "in tribute to the memory of members and friends who had enjoyed fellowship and service with us while here, and now share the greater joy of the inner circle of God's grace." Mrs. Loney based her Service on the 14th Chapter of the Gospel according to St. John.

Convening again, after lunch, at the Opening of Tuesday Afternoon Session, the sudden death of Mrs. Charles LeCocq, of Fort William, a well-known and beloved fellow-member, and loyal worker of many years in the W.M.S. organization, was announced, and, on behalf of Council, the President expressed deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of Manitoba Synodical in the loss of this good friend and co-worker; and also to her family in Fort William. Sympathy was also expressed on behalf of Miss Laura Pelton, whose sister, Mrs. Clarke MacLaughlin, of Los Angeles, had died recently.

Treasurer, Miss Luzetta E. McClelland conducted the Presentation of the 1964 Estimates, during which each of the four Executive Directors spoke to, and explained, the Estimates of their Departments — Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., for the Overseas Estimate; Miss Giollo G. Kelly, B.A., for the National Estimate; Miss Louise A. Reith, for the Organization Estimate; Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry, for the Publications Estimate; Miss Myrtle Rose, Assistant to the Treasurer, for the Administration Estimate; and Mrs. John Cooper, Supply Secretary, for the Supply Estimate. Following the Tea Hour, Miss Ellen V. Haw, Chairman of the Anniversaries Committee gave a Report of great promise and progress in plans for the two Anniversaries to be celebrated in Montreal in 1964. This, Miss Haw has fully reported herself in "The Anniversaries Corner" of this issue, and most interesting and worth-while reading it is! At the close of this Session, Dr. J. Alan Munro, announced that for the Free Night on Thursday, he would have available, transportation to take anyone who wished to go to Clarkson to visit "Armagh," and from later reports, a good number of delegates did go, and were greatly interested in the work done there, as well as the beauty of the property, overlooking Lake Ontario. Mr. S. T. Robinson, Principal of Cecilia Jeffrey School, Kenora, Ont. closed the Afternoon Session with Prayer.

Tuesday evening, the Worship Service was given by Miss Frieda E. Matthews, of Montreal, Director of Immigration for The Presbyterian Church in Canada, but formerly a member of the W.M.S. Staff for many years, and before her retirement, Executive Director of National Missions on Council Executive. Using a wide selection of Scripture passages in her Devotional reading, Miss Matthews stressed our need for daily reconsecration and rededication of our lives to God's service, that those with whom we come in contact might truly see Christ living in us, and she emphasized our claim to the promises of God.

The President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, presented Service Pins and Bars, in absentia, to four Missionaries, who will personally receive these when they are in Canada for the Anniversaries' Celebrations in 1964 — The Gold

Pin to Mrs. Mildred Gehman, of the Vellore School of Nursing, North India, whose W.M.S. service began 25 years ago in North Manchuria; Miss Margaret Ramsay, on the W.M.S. Staff for 35 years, received the 35-year Bar, in recognition of her fine service in Western Canada, Formosa, and, since 1944, in British Guiana; Miss Mary Sherrick, of the Amkut and Bhil Field, India, receives the 30-year Bar, for her work in British Guiana, and latterly for many years as Principal of the Amkut School, India, whose standards are very high; Miss Dorothy Douglas receives her 35-year-Bar—she worked for some time in British Guiana, and for many years now has served in Formosa, where she is Principal of the Boys' School in Tamsui. Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Director of Overseas Missions, then introduced the following Missionaries on furlough — Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., the Bhil Field, India; Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg. N., B.Sc.N., Director of Nursing Education, Indore; Miss Pauline Brown, Reg. N., serving with the Mobile Clinics, India; Miss Helen Acton, Reg. N., Director of Nursing, Jobat; and three new Missionaries, who will soon be going Overseas—Miss Susan Sargeant, Reg. N., and Miss Catharine Polson, Reg. N., going to the Bhil Field; Miss Shirley Dredge, going to teach in Nigeria; Miss Ruth Starrett, new appointee; and Miss Betty Sydie, office Secretary.

Miss Giollo Kelly, B.A., Executive Director of National Missions, introduced those of her Staff who were present — Deaconesses Miss Hazell Davis, Toronto; Miss Lillian Reay, Vancouver; Miss Catharine Watson, Tyndale House, Montreal; Miss Drysdale, a new Appointee (not present); Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Principal and Matron of Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School; Kenora, Ont.; Miss Vera Carson, office Secretary. Miss Louise Reith, M.A., Executive Director of Organization, introduced Miss Mabel Booth, National Secretary for Children's Work, and Miss Helen Tetley, B.A., M.R.E., National Secretary for Teen-Age Work, both of whom work closely with the Board of Christian Education; and the Regional Secretaries, who represent both the W.M.S. and the Board of Christian Education—Miss Lois Powrie, Montreal and Ottawa; Miss Ruby Walker and Miss Clare Hanes, Toronto and Kingston, and Hamilton and London; Miss Dorothy Keller, Manitoba; Miss Margaret Boyd, Saskatchewan; Miss Barbara Woodruff, Alberta; Miss May Nutt, British Columbia; and her Office Secretaries, Miss Margaret Tranmer and Miss Marjorie McMullin. The Director of Publications then introduced the members of her Staff—Mrs. Isabelle Spark, Assistant to the Director; Miss Flora MacPherson, Secretary to the Director; Mrs. Dorothy Hudson, Senior Stenographer; and Mrs. Norma McComb, in charge of the Mailing Department.

An outstanding highlight of the Programme was the illustrated Address on "Migration" given by the Rev. J. C. Cooper, B.A., B.D., Assistant Secretary for Home Missions, the General Board of Missions, Mr. Cooper had been sent on behalf of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, to attend the Conference on Immigration in Geneva, Switzerland. Later, he travelled extensively through Switzerland, Hungary, Ukrainia, and visited the Ministers and Churches of the Reformed Churches, now exiled behind the Iron Curtain. None who looked upon these excellent pictures, of many conquered peoples, could ever forget the restrictions and frustrations undergone by these unfortunate Presbyterian Christians under the Communist regime. One half of the Swiss people are Presbyterians, said Mr. Cooper; 28% of the Hungarians are of the Reformed and Presbyterian faith; the Waldensions, members of the World Alliance of Presbyterian Churches, were a Reformed Church, several years before the Reformation. Our Church is getting some help in to these fellow Presbyterians in the sad Refugee Camps, who have so little hope now for freedom and liberation—some 150,000 of them are in Communist, political refugee Camps. We can at least remember them in our prayers! Dr. Alan Munro thanked the Speaker and pronounced the Benediction.

Wednesday, all day and evening, was devoted to the Presentation of the whole work of the Society, by the four Directors and the Treasurer's Department. A delightful surprise, however, just following the Service of Worship, was the introduction by Miss Isobel McConnell, Reg. N., (who for many years was a well-known member of our Missionary personnel in India) of Mrs. A. S. Savarirayan, a vivid and colourful picture in her Indian sari, and the wife of the General Superintendent of the Christian Medical College Hospital, Vellore, South India, who brought greetings from the College, expressing their thanks and appreciation for the W.M.S. support and help for the work there. Very special greetings were brought from our own Mrs. Gehman, Reg. N., who is serving in Vellore, and whom she counts as her very dear friend. Mrs. Curr welcomed, and thanked, this charming visitor, and asked her to take back with her to Vellore, the greetings and best wishes of Council, with special remembrance of Mrs. Mildred Gehman. The delegates, gathered by the colour of their badges into small groups, then began in turn their interested visitation of the five Presentation Displays of W.M.S. Work—Overseas, National, Organization, Publications, and Finance. Each Presentation was repeated twice, both morning and afternoon, and once in the evening, after which President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, conducted the Service of Worship, and the Rev. J. S. Clarke, M.A., D.D., pronounced the Benediction.

The Presentations of the Overseas, National, and Organization Departments are well given elsewhere in this issue by the Directors, Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Miss Giollo Kelly, B.A., and Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A., so will not be repeated here. The Finance Presentation, given by Miss E. Luzetta McClelland, Treasurer, and Miss Myrtle Rose, Assistant to the Treasurer, assisted by Miss Pauline Kujanik, and Miss Florence Hedley, Office Secretaries, by means of colourful Posters, clever charts, discussion, and informative talks, explained the origin and function of the W.M.S. various funds; told of the receipt and expenditures of the General Fund and the Supply Fund, stressing especially the urgent need that these monies be sent in monthly, as they are received. The detailed comparison of Group Givings over the past ten years — before and after Stewardship —was revealing, and the presentation of a "Miracle Method" for individual and group commitment, which could increase givings to make possible meeting the 1963 Budget of $407,765.00, proved worthy of real thought and endeavour.

The Director of Publications, Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry, was assisted in her Presentation by Mrs. W. R. Adamson, Chairman of the Publications Committee, who gave a splendid presentation of the development of "The Glad Tidings," as she had personally experienced it, from the first few typed-letters from Missionaries to its present size and value — and by the four members of her Staff, each of whom co-operates in all the work of the Publications Department, and each of whom contributed to this Presentation by explaining their special responsibilities in the Department — Mrs. Isabelle Spark, Assistant to the Director; Miss Flora MacPherson, Secretary for the Director; Mrs. Dorothy Hudson, Senior Stenographer; Mrs. Norma McComb, in charge of the Mailing Department. Mrs. Cherry gave a concise outline of the many phases of W.M.S. work which are carried out through, and by, this Department, as it undergirds the other Departments in their supplies and special needs; produces "The Glad Tidings" eleven times a year; provides Resource Books and other good reading materials for all ages, through the many Book Displays and Traveling Book Stores which go out on request through the seven Synodicals, and the large stock of helpful books always available in the Literature Department; also sees the Study Packets into production and handles orders for them. Posters and Displays were used to illustrate both the scope, growth, and extent of "The Glad Tidings," and the work in general, as well as the variety of materials carried to answer the needs of the Groups, Officers, Leaders, and individual members. Mrs. Cherry urgently appealed for the interest and help of all W.M.S. members in bringing into completion the Anniversaries' Project of "At Least 25,000 Glad Tidings Subscribers by 1964."

At the Thursday Morning Session, the President led the Council in prayer for the Society's Missionaries serving in British Guiana, and for the Guianese people, who, because of the present strife there, are undergoing a State of Emergency, declared because of the general strike in progress. A letter was read from Mrs. Denton Taylor, Chairman of the Ewart College Board welcoming the Council Meeting and the delegates to the College, and a letter was also read from Mrs. Bradley, Winnipeg Hospital Visitor, extending greetings to Council, its delegates and remembering them in Prayer. The balance of the morning was devoted to consideration and discussion concerning the Recommendations and Resolutions sent in from Synodicals — British Columbia — Victoria and Westminster Presbyterials; Saskatchewan — Regina and Saskatoon Presbyterials; Toronto and Kingston —Algoma Presbyterial. Where action could be taken on these the recommendations was given to the Department concerned. Before the noon adjournment, Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary, Saskatoon, Sask., gave a most interesting report of the Third World Institute on Christian Education, which she had attended for two weeks last year, at Queen's University, Belfast, North Ireland. The Study Topic was "The Educational Mission of the Church in Today's World," and this Conference brought together 321 persons from 81 Nations, representing many traditions of Church life and worship.

Thursday afternoon the Consideration and Acceptance of 1964 Estimates was conducted by Treasurer, Miss E. Luzetta McClelland, and given serious thought by the delegates as these Estimates were reviewed and increases noted. On motion of the Treasurer, seconded by Mrs. I. G. Sinclair, the former Treasurer, this Estimate of $442,109.00 was accepted for 1964, and the Supply Estimate of $20,000 for 1964 was also accepted, on the motion of Miss McClelland, seconded by Mrs. W. S. Smith, of Manitoba. At this Session, Dr. E. H. Johnson, Executive Secretary for Overseas Missions, General Board of Missions, reported the sudden death of Mr. Pierre Benignus, President of the Paris Missionary Society, in an aeroplane crash in Africa, and it was agreed that sympathy from the 1963 Council Meeting be sent to the Paris Missionary Society and to the family of the late Mr. Benignus. Thursday evening was a free evening for the delegates.

Now came Friday morning, and the conclusion of the 48th Annual Council Meeting! Mrs. D. F. Hazell presented the Report of the Nominating Committee, and, moved by Mrs. Hazell, seconded by Mrs. Phillip Boy, of Montreal and Ottawa, the slate of Officers was accepted for 1963-64. Later, with a brief Worship Service in the Chapel, the Installation Service was conducted by the Rev. E. A. Thomson, B.A., D.D., Joint Clerk of the General Assembly, and Secretary of the Administrative Council of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Mrs. A. S. Curr was unanimously returned for a third term as President, and we are privileged to publish her thought-arousing Closing Message of inspiration and purposeful dedication in this issue.

A corsage was presented to Miss Margaret Webster, B.A., B.Ed., Principal of Ewart College, by President, Mrs. Curr, in appreciation of her inspiring Services of Worship each morning, and as an expression of gratitude for the cordial welcome extended to everyone during the Meetings. To Miss Ada Adams, B.Sc., Dean of Ewart College, a golden potted chrysanthemum was presented, with the thanks of Council for the many courtesies extended to delegates during the five days of Meetings, and Miss Helen Lawson, Dietician, was presented with a gift of money in appreciation to her and her staff for the delicious meals prepared and served so cheerfully and efficiently all during the week of Sessions. Mrs. G. A. Gordier, Literature Secretary, Hamilton and London Synodical, then presented a Special Gift of Money to Ewart College, through the Principal, Miss Margaret Webster, from the delegates, in sincere appreciation of the hospitality extended to them, with the request that some suitable and necessary article be purchased, which could be a lasting memento of this Annual Council Meeting, held in Ewart College — the first Conference to be held there since the opening in 1962. Mrs. J. A. Smith, of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical, on behalf of the delegates presented to President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, a corsage of pink roses, as a token of the high esteem in which the Society holds our President, and in appreciation of the efficient way these Annual Council Sessions were conducted. Mrs. Kenneth Philp, Secretary of Council Executive, presented the "Courtesies," to all who had in any way helped to make possible, and successful, this 48th Annual Council Meeting, which had now come to its close, but would long remain in the memories of all who were there, because of its worth-while Sessions, its forward-looking decisions and accomplishments, and the warm fellowship and understanding which pervaded every Meeting. The closing Benediction was given by the Rev. J. Alan Munroe, M.C., B.A., D.D., Home Missions Secretary, General Board of Missions.

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OUR COUNTRY !

Our country hath a gospel of her own,
To preach and practice before all the world—
The freedom and divinity of man,
The glorious claims of human brotherhood,
And the soul's fealty to none but God.

James Russell Lowell.

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KAMLOOPS - OKANAGAN PRESBYTERIAL—The C.G.I.T. Group, and the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Vernon,* sponsored an evening of slides on *Northern Ireland,* shown by the Minister, the Rev. Denis Mahood. Refreshments were served by the girls, and the Auxiliary held a small "White Elephant" Auction, to augment their Expense Fund. Mrs. D. McC. Black is the W.M.S. Auxiliary President, and Mrs. J. J. Carr is C.G.I.T. Leader.

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL—The Executive of this Presbyterial joined with the Evening Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Victoria* for their Easter Meeting. Reports of the Annual Synodical Meeting were given by Mrs. J. L. W. McLean, Mrs. J. S. Howard, and Mrs. W. J. Hogg, following which business matters from the Synodical Meeting were discussed.

At the Easter Meeting of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of this Church, Mrs. S. H. Brake gave an illustrated Address on "The Holy Land".

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of *West Vancouver* Presbyterian Church opened their Thank-Offering Meeting with the Easter Service of Worship from "The Glad Tidings". Those taking part were Mrs. A. J. McBeth, who led the Responsive Bible Reading, and Mrs. A. Yule, a visitor from St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Ingersoll, Ontario,* who read the Meditation. Miss Annie G. Hill, Presbyterial Glad Tidings Secretary, brought greetings from Presbyterial, and Miss Ellen Douglas, Presbytery Deaconess, told of her work, and read letters from the Bhil Field, *India,* where she had served as Missionary. Mrs. Thos. Deas gave the Vote of Thanks, and the Rev. S. L. McIntyre closed the Meeting with Prayer.

The Rev. MacKay Esler, Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Afternoon Auxiliary of Robertson Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* spoke on "The Power of The Resurrection." President, Mrs. S. Ferguson spoke of the sudden death recently of Mrs. Annie McKeown, a W.M.S. member of long standing. Mrs. M. Murdock and the Rev. MacKay Esler sang a duet. Circle 2 gave the Worship Service, and, at the close of the Meeting, served refreshments.

Guest Speaker at the Meeting of the Janet Thomson Evening

Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* was Mrs. Margaret Walker, the Evening Group and Promotion Secretary of Westminster Presbyterial. Mrs. Walker took the Devotional Service, and then spoke of her work. Miss Rena McArthur gave the introduction to the Study on *Formosa,* and an added highlight of the evening, "A Glimpse of Life and Work in Formosa" was presented by Mrs. June Cameron. This was a brief sketch of the work of Miss Hildur K. Hermanson, Reg.N.

President, Mrs. M. Stewart, presided at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* when the Guest Speaker, the Rev. Major H. A. Doig, illustrated his Address with pictures of *Korea.* Mrs. N. G. Robertson gave the Easter message, and Mr. Cyril Lord sang two solos.

Miss Lily Simpson, Reg.N., recently retired from the *Bhil Field, India,* was Guest Speaker at the Meeting of Kerrisdale W.M.S. Afternoon Auxiliary, and gave an illustrated talk on her 35 years of service in *India,* under the W.M.S. Brigadier Millicent Littley, of the Salvation Army, who served several years in *India,* was the Special Speaker at the Easter Thank-Offering Meeting of this Auxiliary, and told of the extensive work being done there by the Salvation Army, among the lepers and the blind. Miss Lily Simpson, Reg.N., from *India,* gave the Devotional Service at this Meeting.

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL—Dr. G. A. Hadjiantoniou, was Guest Speaker at the Easter Thank - Offering Luncheon Meeting of the Afternoon Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, *Calgary.* Mrs. H. Brown, gave the Report of the Alberta Synodical Annual Meeting, at which she was a delegate, and Billy and Charlie Wilkinson sang two duets during the Meeting.

The Goforth Affiliate Group of the W.M.S. of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* sponsored the Affiliation Service of the C.G.I.T. Group, in the Church, when President, Mrs. M. McRae, addressed the girls and presented their Badges. Presenting their Study on *Formosa, C.G.I.T.* members participating were Barbara Gammie, Barbara Remmar, Marianne Doka, Cathie Mitchell, Sharon Robertson, Marlene Nelson, and Margaret Lammie.

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Eastminster Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* held three especially interesting Meetings this year — for the first Meeting, the W.M.S. Auxiliary of

Strathcona Presbyterian Church were guests at the showing of the film "Double By A Hundred"; at the next meeting, Mrs. J. Sonenfelt, former Missionary, spoke of the W.M.S. work in *Japan,* and had an interesting Display; at the third Meeting, Miss Barbara Woodruff, Regional Secretary, was the Guest Speaker.

Many were present when the W.M.S. Group of First Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* heard the Rev. Russell Self, on furlough from *India,* tell of his work in North India. A Panel Presentation brought out many questions from the interested audience concerning W.M.S. work in India.

MACLEOD PRESBYTERIAL—The Annual Meeting of Alberta Synodical was held in Riverside Presbyterian Church, *Medicine Hat,* with over a hundred women in attendance, and delegates present from *Fort St. John* in the north, to *Fort MacLeod,* and *Lethbridge,* in the South. Greetings were presented from the Presbytery of MacLeod by the Rev. R. L. Taylor, D.D., and from Mayor H. Veiner, of *Medicine Hat.* Mrs. G. Milson, who presided, as Acting President, at all three Sessions, was elected President of Alberta Synodical.

Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Executive Director of Overseas Missions, was Guest Speaker, and, with the theme, "Here Is Our Missionary Work" gave an illustrated Address on our Overseas Mission Fields. Mrs. G. Hodgson, of *Edmonton,* showed slides on her trip to *Japan.* Miss Hilda Blackwell presented a Questionnaire on "How Well Do You Know Us?", and Miss Barbara Woodruff, Regional Secretary, also took part in the Programme.

The Isabel Taylor Evening Group of St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Medicine Hat,* held a Coffee Party at the home of Mrs. H. Richardson, the proceeds of which will assist in sending C.G.I.T. girls to Camp.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of the *Lethbridge* Presbyterian Church held an Affiliation Service with the newly-organized C.G.I.T. Group, at which the girls received their Badges. A Panel Study was presented by the Group, after which the girls served a Chinese Supper to the Mothers and W.M.S. members.

A Moment of Silence was observed in honour of the late Mrs. A. Gray, Past Honorary President, of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Lethbridge,* when this Auxiliary entertained the C.G.I.T. Group to Supper, followed by the film, "Double By A. Hundred." The C.G.I.T. paid tribute to Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg. N., and Mrs. Dickson, the two Presbyterian Missionaries honoured by General Chiang-kai-Shek for their medical and evangelistic work in *Formosa.*

A W.M.S. Tea was held recently in the Manse of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Lethbridge,* to raise funds for the coming Anniversaries Celebrations in 1964.

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REGINA PRESBYTERIAL — The Evening Groups of the five *Regina* churches held their joint Thank-Offering in Northside Church, with seventy-five present. The Service of Worship from the Glad Tidings was taken by Mrs. Graeme E. Duncan and Mrs. A. C. Marshall. Mrs. Michael Marshall was soloist.

A movie on Hong Kong, from the Canadian Bible Society, proved to be of great interest, dealing with countries on the rim of East Asia. Part of the film was taken in *Taiwan,* and showed the Bible Society presenting Bibles to Tyal children of the Presbyterian Church there.

A short play "The Island of Babel" taken from the Study Resource Book, "Add an Answer," was presented by Mrs. G. Blair, Mrs. G. E. Duncan, Mrs. D. Munro, Mrs. F. Krueger and Mrs. W. A. Wilson. Groups were formed and a discussion on the play was most informative. Mrs. H. R. Boon was in charge of refreshments following the programme.

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ALGOMA PRESBYTERIAL — At Victoria Presbyterian Church, *Korah,* W.M.S. women from *Elliott Lake, St. Giles,* and *Westminster* were present at this Presbyterial Meeting, when Ralph Davidson, of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, and Karen Hall, of Westminster Presbyterian Church, graduated from C.G.I.T. The Senior C.G.I.T. Group welcomed into membership Janice Quick; Rhonda Soby; Josette Marcel; Susan Trode; and Phyllis Dawson; and presented to them their white Lanyards. During the dinner hour, the Rev. Victor Ford, of *Sault Ste. Marie,* addressed the Group, and Dianne Daron was Soloist.

BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL—The W.M.S Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Huntsville,* met for a Golden Anniversary Meeting, but this turned out to be a 64*th Birthday Party,* when Miss Maud Edgerton, in preparing an Historical History, discovered that this Auxiliary was started in 1899! The Rev. Hugh Jack, D.D., Minister of St. Andrew's, and Moderator of Barrie Presbytery brought Presbytery greetings. The Devotional Period was given by Miss D. Robson, and Mrs. R. Flemming, and Mrs. E. G. Rogers was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Hugh Jack. Miss Edgerton in her Historical Presentation, told of the work and fellowship of this Auxiliary throughout the years, and of the original pioneer membership, which included Mrs. Hunt, after whose husband the town was named. Mrs. Robert McNair, introduced the Guest Speaker, Mrs. Duncan Graham of *Burk's Falls,* who gave an interesting account of "The History of North Bay Presbyterial", which was organized in 1908, and of which *Huntsville* was a member until 1945, when St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church was transferred to Barrie Presbyterial. She said that North Bay Presbyterial is a scattered district, with a somewhat transitory population, but its history is the story of the faithful few in each place, carrying on the work of "Winning The World For Christ".

President, Mrs. Hugh Jack, conducted the Candle-Lighting Ceremony, with Mrs. V. Woodcock; Miss D. Robson; and Mrs. K. Spears taking part. Refreshments were convened by Mrs. J. McFadyen, and Tea Hostesses were Mrs. E. Nolan and Mrs. H. Lush. Mrs. R. McNair cut the Birthday Cake.

EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL—The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Melville Presbyterian Church, *West Hill,* held a Thank-Offering Luncheon, when Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., was Guest Speaker, and showed coloured slides, as she told of her work in *Jobat,* on the *Bhil Field, India.* Mrs. Harry Shannon was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Stanley Jackson, of Emmanuel W.M.S. Auxiliary. Mrs. Marshall Myers, on behalf of the Auxiliary, presented a Life Membership and Pin to Mrs. John Head, in memory of the late Mrs. Joseph Hornby, of *Orillia,* who had been a valued member of the Melville Presbyterian Church W.M.S. Auxiliary.

The "Semper Fidelis" Evening Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Agincourt,* celebrated their 34th Anniversary with the Devotional presentation of the Pageant, "The Passing Years". Those taking part were Miss Jessie Davidson; Miss Mary Forfar; Miss Janet Muirhead; Miss Agnes Davidson; Miss Flora Hall; Mrs. Peter Gibson; and Mrs. Neil W. Coleman. The Soloist was Mrs. George Hutton, accompanied by Mrs. T. Allen, and Mrs. John Armstrong presided. Two C.G.I.T. members were special guests—Jean Ness, who read the Scripture lesson, and Ruth Mortson, who played a piano solo. The film "Double By One Hundred", showing the growth of the Christian Church in *Formosa,* was shown.

GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of Toronto and Kingston Synodical was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Galt,* with President Mrs. Paul Newton presiding. The Rev. R. A. Jackson, M.A., Minister of the Church, assisted by two Elders, conducted the Communion Service, which opened the Sessions, and "Faith" was the theme of the three-days meetings. The Rev. M. C. Young, B.A., Moderator of Toronto - Kingston Synod, gave the Worship Service, on the theme, "The Outreach of the Church." The Girls' Choir of *Galt* Training School, sang a beautiful Anthem, with Mrs. David Gowdy conducting, and Mrs. L. J. R. Sanders at the organ.

Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N., B.ScN., M.ScN., on furlough from her duties as Director of Nursing Studies in *Indore* Hospital, *North India,* was Guest Speaker, and taking as her subject "Faith and Work", in her challenging Address took her audience on an imaginary trip to our W.M.S. work in *India,* and urged her listeners to continue to build on the sure foundations already laid by dedicated Missionaries of the past. Miss Ruby Walker, and Miss Clare Hanes, Regional Secretaries, reviewed the Secretaries' Reports, and the Pageant, "The Living History of Guelph Presbyterial", prepared by Mrs. J. D. Cleghorn and Miss Lila Sinclair, of *Guelph* was presented by ladies, whose costumes portrayed the different periods of history. Mrs. Cleghorn was Narrator.

The Rev. R. A. Jackson, M.A., conducted the Evening Worship Service, on the theme "The Cross and Calvary", Mrs. A. S. Curr, Council President, speaking on the theme, "Past, Present, and Future", traced the work of the Society since its beginning, almost one hundred years ago. Also participating in the Evening programme were Mrs. John Nute; Mrs. John C. McFarlane; and Mrs. Howard Hogg.

At the Closing Session, Mrs. A. S. Curr conducted the election of Officers, and the new Executive was installed by the Rev. David Gowdy, B.A., B.D., Th.D. President, Mrs. Paul Newton, closed the Meeting with an inspirational message, and thanked all those who had taken part in the Meetings, and the Closing Prayer was given by the Rev. David Gowdy.

ORANGEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. R. D. Fraser, President, welcomed delegates to the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial, in Tweedsmuir Presbyterian Church, *Orangeville,* and the Devotional Period was conducted by Mrs. H. B. McInnis. It was decided to have two Sectional Meetings this Fall — one in the North; one in the South, and the Children's Rally will take place in *Orangeville*. Reports were received of the work at Fellowship House in Winnipeg, and the C.O.C. Groups reported $37.00 collected from the "Dime Clocks".

PETERBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAL — The Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary, and the Annie Purvis Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary, of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Port Hope,* met together for their Easter Thank-Offering Service, and members of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Grace Presbyterian Church, *Millbrook,* were Special Guests and presented the Programme, under the direction of their President, Mrs. M. Larner. Miss Ruth Starrett, of Evangel Hall, *Toronto,* was Guest Speaker, and, using coloured slides, she explained the work of this Downtown Mission. Ladies from *Cobourg, Bowmanville, Millbrook,* and the United Church of *Port Hope,* were welcomed by Mrs. Floyd Abrams, and Miss Doris Jean Robertson thanked the Speaker, and the *Millbrook* guests who presented the Programme. Refreshments were served by the W.M.S. Evening Auxiliary, and a Social Hour of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

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BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. Colin McGregor, of *Morewood,* was Guest Speaker at the Easter Thank-Offering Meeting of St. Andrew's W.M.S. Auxiliary, *Chesterville.* Her Address was based on "Things To Be Thankful For!"

LANARK AND RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. A. Carmichael presided at the Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Pembroke,* when Mrs. E. Biesenthal presented the Study Topic on *Korea.* Mrs. W. C. Nicholson, spoke in honour of Mrs. D. W. Blakely, who was presented with an Honorary Membership — the first in the history of this Auxiliary to be presented to one of its members. Mrs. A. C. Carmichael made the presentation, on behalf of the Auxiliary, in appreciation of the loyal service given by Mrs. Blakely over a period of fifty years. Mrs. Blakely, still an active member of her Auxiliary, has served on the Executives of both Presbyterial and Synodical. For many years, she was Literature and Library Secretary for this Presbyterial, and is now an Honorary President of the Executive of the Presbyterial of Lanark and Renfrew, and also Honorary President of her own W.M.S. Auxiliary.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL—The Easter Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Ottawa,* was held in the Church, and the Guest Speaker, the Rev. Peter B. Reid, of Erskine Presbyterian Church, *Ottawa,* spoke on "The Vision of The Church." Mrs. Harcourt Emra presided, in the absence of President, Mrs. G. E. Grassman. Musical selections were given by a Double Trio from the Junior Girls' Choir, directed by Mrs. J. C. Brearly. Life Memberships were presented to Mrs. J. D. McLeod, and Mrs. J. C. Brearly. Tea Hostesses were Mrs. G. Scott Murray, and Mrs. George A. Ault.

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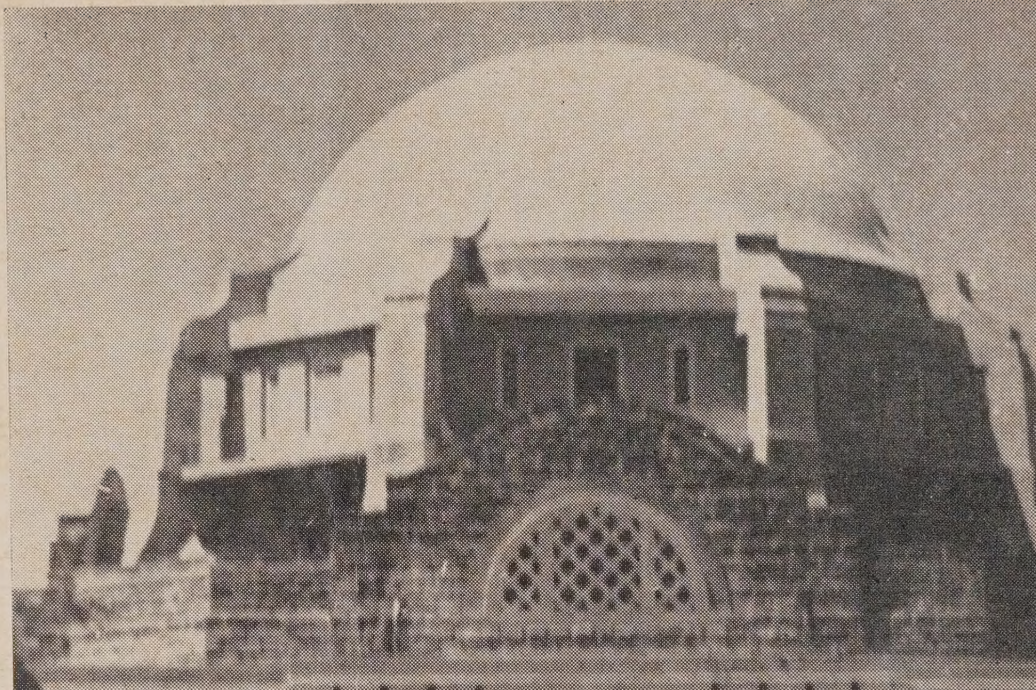

Vellore College Chapel, Vellore, South India
With Lily Pond in the Foreground.

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"THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW . . ."

(A series of four Services of Worship)

by MISS MARGARET WEBSTER, B.A., B.Ed.
Principal of Ewart College, Toronto

MISS WEBSTER

(We are most grateful to Miss Margaret Webster, B.A., B.Ed., Principal of Ewart College, Toronto, for her kindness in permitting us to publish, as space will permit, the inspirational Services of Worship, given in the morning Devotional Periods, which she conducted in the Chapel of Ewart College, each day of the Annual Council Meeting, held in Ewart College last May. These Worship Services were based on the Key Verse of the Council Sessions — "I in them and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." (St. John 17 — verse 23) — and we feel sure that our readers will find them as helpful and worthwhile in their guidance for daily living, as did those Council members who were privileged to hear them. This is the first of these Worship Services and the others will follow soon.)

The World

CALL TO WORSHIP: The Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice: let the multitude of the isles be glad.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness. (Psalm 97:1,12)

INVOCATION: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who art nigh until all that call upon Thee,
Help us now to lift our hearts to Thee in prayer.

Help us to praise Thee worthily,
to confess our sins to Thee in humility,
to open our hearts to Thee that Thou may dwell within us . . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: "The Lord's my Shephard" — No. 19 — Tune: Crimmond

SCRIPTURE: (read in unison) Psalm 24

MEDITATION: In these four Services of Worship, we shall use as the basis for our meditation the great prayer of Jesus recorded in the Gospel according to Saint John, Chapter 17. We shall consider, in particular, John 17: verse 23.

This is the prayer of Jesus, offered just before His betrayal and arrest. It is, in a sense, his final act before He gives His life. Its words, then, have particular significance for His disciples.

He prays "that the world may know . . ."

"The world" — a world created by God — and therefore good. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth . . . and God saw everything that He had made, and behold it was very good." (Genesis 1: 1, 31) "The earth **is** the Lord's" (Ps. 24:1) . . .

Yet it is a world defiled by man. In the beauty and perfection of that first garden, man defied his Maker. Through the generations he has built his Babels, in his attempt to be as great as, or even greater than, God. Still today man proclaims his independence from God.

Today—what an exciting day it is in which to live! Truly it is an age of rapid social change. Think of the technological advances that have taken place within the lifetime of the older members of this Society. In communications, they have witnessed the introduction into common use of the telephone, the radio, television, tel-star. In transportation, they have seen the advent of the motor car, airplane, jet, and space capsule. They have begun to take for granted tremendous scientific and medical achievement. The accumulated growth of knowledge has been so great that scholars are talking about "the explosion of knowledge."

This is an exciting age in which to live — but man uses these advances so badly! He has used technological advance to bring mankind to the brink of nuclear warfare, with its threat of total destruction. He has brought himself to a constant state of fear and distrust. He has displaced masses of people who have become almost permanent refugees. His own life, he has allowed to be depersonalized: during the day, he has been reduced to be a cog in the machine of industry, while in the evening he goes home to sit in silence before his TV.

Mankind today is lonely, confused, fearful, full of hate.

And Christ prays "that the world may know." He prays for this world of excitement and success and great potential. He prays for **this** world and for **this** people of confusion, fear and hate. He prays "that the **world** may **know"**, for "God so loved the **world**—that He gave His Son."

PRAYER (directed silent prayer):

ADORATION, as we recall the greatness of God's creation and His love for His creatures;

CONFESSION, that we have shared in the rebellion and defiance of man towards his Creator;

THANKSGIVING, for the prayer of Christ and His gift of life and love;

INTERCESSION, that God will use us in helping to answer Christ's prayer that the world may know.

HYMN: "Thou Whose almighty word"—No. 372, versus 1, 3, 4.

BENEDICTION: Let Thy blessing, O most gracious Lord, follow, guard and go before us; let Thy blessing rest upon us, upon the worship of Thy people here and in all places, and upon our work done in Thy Name.

Grant us courage to support us; patience to restrain us; and love to unite us.

Into Thy Fatherly hands, O God, we commend our spirit. Preserve us Thine, now and ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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OUR COVER PICTURE

In the book "Take My Hands", reviewed on page 29, Dr. Mary Verghese, the subject of this triumphant biography, tells of her first sight of this beautiful Chapel of Vellore Christian Medical College, in Vellore, South India—

"The white dome caught the light of the setting sun, and shone with a translucent glow like alabaster. It was a beautiful place of worship — the octagonal grey stone building rising with simple dignity from its terrace of green shrubs and flowering trees; the white dome curving into the violet shadows; and the arched chancel opening wide in a courtyard garden, filled with flaming bougainvellea, and blue and white flowers everywhere. In the sunken garden was a large round lily pool. The mats on the polished marble floor were filled with rows of blue-and-white-garbed students."

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HIS HANDS!

"The hands of Christ
Seem very frail;
For they were broken
By a nail;

But only they
Reach Heaven at last,
Whom these frail broken hands
Hold fast." (Selected)

PRAYER

by MISS HAZELL DAVIS

Deaconess, Toronto, Ontario

Father, God, with humility of heart and mind we come into Thy presence. We are ever conscious that we have often times wandered far from Thee; we have sought to do the things of our own choosing, and have followed the desires of our own hearts. Lord we ask Thy forgiveness. Help us to follow steadfastly in Thy way and may we always look to Thee for guidance.

We thank Thee, O God, for all Thy mercies which Thou continually dost bestow on us; for food and clothing; for the beauty round about us; for health and strength; for loved ones, wherever they may be. We pray not for ourselves alone, but ask Thy blessing and care upon all who are ill; the needy; the less fortunate; the sad and lonely; the bereaved. May they all find rest, comfort and companionship in Thee.

We ask Thy blessing upon all who serve Thee and Thy Church, in lands beyond the seas. Guide, sustain and uphold them, in all that they do in service for Thee. We would remember too, all those who labour in the various fields here in this land. May Thy blessing and care be with them, as they seek to do Thy will among Thy people in Canada.

We remember before Thee our gracious Queen, Elizabeth, and all the Royal Family. Give unto them Thy blessing and care. Grant unto all leaders of our Nation, wisdom, understanding and insight, as they govern our land. May they look to Thee for direction, that all people may know and live in peace with each other.

Gracious God, who for the love of all mankind did send Thine only Son into this world, that through His life and example, His death and resurrection, we may approach Thy throne of grace, and confess before Thee our sins, may Thy Holy Spirit dwell within our hearts always. For this we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Master. Amen.

In Memoriam

Bessie Margaret MacMurchy, Reg.N., M.Sc.N.

(late Director of the Graduate School of Nursing, Indore, India)

MISS BESSIE MacMURCHY,
Reg. N., M. Sc. N.

JESUS told his disciples that He had chosen them that they should "go and bring forth fruit, and that that fruit should remain." To such discipleship, Bessie MacMurchy responded, and she lived her life obedient to her Master's call. Now, after thirty-one years of service, she has been called to her eternal rest.

A few weeks ago, in a medical examination, it was discovered that malignancy had developed. This occurred at the time of her departure date for India. On Sunday, June 16, 1963, Bessie Margaret MacMurchy died, in hospital, in London, Ontario.

It was characteristic of Bessie MacMurchy that she died having before her a vision of work that might still be done. She had just completed her studies, and had been awarded the Master of Science of Nursing degree from the University of Western Ontario. She looked forward to resuming her task as Director of the Graduate School of Nursing in Indore, India. But she was also aware that God's plans are not always our plans — that He but undertakes for the task He wants accomplished. This truth, Bessie MacMurchy knew and accepted.

Her faith in her Lord, her knowledge of His Presence with her, guiding and directing, have been the strength by which she worked. In the Bhil Field, where she served in the Jobat Hospital, and helped establish the Mobile Medical Unit; in her teaching at Vellore Christian Medical Hospital, and in the Indore Hospital, she made great contributions. Her counsel has been sought for the Medical Work in India, and her initiative in the Nursing profession in India was evidenced by her being chosen as an India Representative to the International Council of Nurses, held in Melbourne, Australia.

Great as has been her success in her professional life in India, Bessie MacMurchy will be affectionately remembered by numerous people for her many "unwritten, unremembered, acts of kindness and of love," through which she has been allowed to touch countless lives. To them, she has given an understanding of the meaning of God's love. As a student; as a teacher; as a beloved member of a family; as a dear friend; and as a devoted and valued Missionary on the Staff of our Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) in India, her chosen Field; Bessie MacMurchy gave herself to those with whom she was associated.

The fruits which she was allowed to bring forth "and which will remain," are the lives of men and women, both in India and in Canada, who have come under her influence, and have felt the love of God, through her ministry.

by MISS MARY E. WHALE, B.A.
Executive Director, of Overseas Missions

THE BESSIE MACMURCHY MEMORIAL FUND

A Memorial Fund has been established by Council Executive to commemorate the life and work of Miss Bessie MacMurchy R.N., M.Sc.N. Miss MacMurchy, who died June 16, was to have returned to India and to her work as Director of the Graduate School of Nursing, Indore, this Spring. Because of the great contribution she has made to nursing, and particularly to nursing education in India, it is planned that a fitting Memorial should be made, either in Indore or in Jobat on our Bhil field, or in both.

Contributions may be sent to the Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), designated for the Memorial Fund. Details of the exact use of the fund will be published when we have had opportunity to consult the Bhil field and the faculty in Indore.

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NEW APPOINTMENTS

by MISS GIOLLO KELLY B.A.

Executive Director, National Missions

The National Department has been pleased to welcome several new members to its staff in recent months to fill vacancies caused by resignations and transfers.

The position of Hospital Visitor in the City of Edmonton, which was left vacant with the retirement of Mrs. Jessie Anderson in June, 1961, was filled with the appointment of **(Mrs. H. B.) Margaret Wallace,** effective December 1st, 1962. Mrs. Wallace has been an active worker in our Church in Edmonton for many years, formerly as a member of First Church, and in recent years as a member of the new Eastminster congregation, where her husband is the Clerk of Session. She has given fine service in the Church School and in the Women's organizations in both congregations. In recent years, she was a member of the Executive of Edmonton Presbyterial, and last year she served as Presbyterial President. Besides raising a family of five, all but one of whom are married, Mrs. Wallace has had a wide experience in business.

MRS. H. B. WALLACE

MISS RUBY WALKER

Miss Ruby Walker was transferred from the Organization to the National Department on June 1st. Miss Walker, a daughter of the Manse, is well-known throughout our Church, having served in many parts of Canada. Prior to joining the staff of our Society in 1940, she served under the General Board of Missions in Edmonton Presbytery. From 1940 to 1946, she served in the Rocky Mountain House area and in Regina. Early in 1946, her area of service was enlarged to include the whole of the Synod of Saskatchewan, and a year later, Manitoba was added to her territory. In September of 1950, Miss Walker was appointed Regional Secretary for the three eastern Synodicals of our Society. As the Organization Department was able to add to its staff, her wide area of responsibility was decreased — in 1953 by the Synodical of Hamilton and London, and in 1957 by that of Montreal and Ottawa. In recent years, Miss Walker has been responsible for Adult and Young People's work in the Synodicals of Toronto and Kingston, and Hamilton and London.

Miss Walker's appointment within the National Department is to Inner City work in the Presbytery of East Toronto. Based in St. John's Church, her work will be in the low-rental housing area of Regents Park, and with the women in the Metropolitan (Don) Jail. It also will include visitation to the chronic and convalescent patients in the new Riverdale Hospital, which is the largest hospital in Canada.

MISS DRYSDALE

Miss Emily J. Drysdale, a member of this year's graduating class of Ewart College, has been appointed as Presbytery Deaconess in the Presbytery of Red Deer. She took up her duties on July 1st. Miss Drysdale's home is in Wallace, Nova Scotia, where she received her education, graduating from the Pugwash District High School prior to entering Ewart College. A member of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Wallace, she was active in Explorers and later in C.G.I.T. She also participated in Junior Choir work and in the Young People's Society. During her student deaconess years, Miss Drysdale served in two summer appointments, one in Saskatoon Presbytery and the other in Halifax and Lunenburg Presbytery. At her Service of

Designation, conducted by the Presbytery of Pictou in her home congregation on June 21st, Mrs. D. R. MacLean, President of the Woman's Missionary Society (Eastern Division), on behalf of our Society, presented Miss Drysdale with a Bible.

We extend a very warm welcome to each of these new members of our National staff and pray God's blessing upon them as they carry on an important ministry within our Society and Church.

MR. F. DICKSON

MRS. F. DICKSON

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Dickson have been appointed to succeed Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denholm as House Father and House Mother of Presbyterian Fellowship House, Winnipeg. They commenced their duties officially on July 1st. For the past twelve years, Mr. and Mrs. Dickson have lived in Armstrong, B.C., where they were members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Mr. Dickson was an elder in his congregation, and Mrs. Dickson was active in the life and work of the Church, giving leadership in the Church School and in Children's Groups. She also was Secretary for Girls' Work of Kamloops Presbyterial. They have two married daughters, and a son who is in the Canadian Armed Forces. Their elder daughter is married to George R. Bell, who is a student for the ministry of our Church. Mr. and Mrs. Dickson's past experience equips them well to carry on the fine work begun by Mr. and Mrs. Denholm.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

We regret that MRS. ELLEN MITCHELL has been unable to carry on her duties as Hospital Visitor for some weeks, owing to illness. It is our prayer that she soon will be restored to health. We are most happy that MISS LILY SIMPSON has been able to assist in this work in Vancouver and New Westminster, during Mrs. Mitchell's absence.

MISS CATHERINE WATSON spent her study furlough from May to August at Presbyterian School of Christian Education, in Richmond, Virginia, and at Western University in London.

The resignation of Mrs. Ada (Wade) Wyllie, who has served as Presbytery Deaconess in the Presbytery of Prince Albert since 1958, became effective May 13th, when our summer appointees arrived on the field. MISS BERNICE BARKER, who has worked among the Indian Canadians in the Lake-of-the-Woods area since 1957, resigned at the end of June and was married in First Church, Kenora, on July 6th to Mr. Stephen Shih. To both Mrs. Wyllie and Mrs. Shih we would express our sincere appreciation for their fine contribution to the work of our Society, and wish for them every happiness as they devote themselves full-time to the task of home-making.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT DENHOLM resigned as House Father and House Mother of Presbyterian Fellowship House, Winnipeg, on July 31st. To Mr. and Mrs. Denholm goes much of the credit for the success of Fellowship House since its inception. We would express to them our heartfelt thanks for a job well done, and extend to them our best wishes for a pleasant trip Overseas, followed by a long and happy retirement.

It was with regret that we accepted the resignation of MISS KATHRYN WU, effective July 31st. Miss Wu served in our Chinese work in Montreal for three and a half years. We are most grateful for her services during that time and wish for her much happiness in her future choice of work.

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FAITH!

Lord give me faith,
Enlightening faith,
That I may see
The things unseen
With vision clear
And crystalline.

Lord give me faith,
Assuring faith,
That when I pass
Deep glades of fear
I'll realize
That Thou art near.

Lord give me faith,
Out-reaching faith,
That I, when tried,
May flee to Thee
And find Thy strength
My victory.

(Selected)

PROGRAMMES FOR ADULT GROUPS
1963-64

MRS. GEORGE PECKOVER, B.A.
Chairman, Adult Work Committee

HAVE YOU EVER WISHED for a Mission Study Book with a distinctly Canadian flavour? Is India your favourite country for study? Many of our members would answer "yes" to both of these questions. This year the Study Theme is centred in South Asia. The Resource Book, "Partners in South Asia," has been compiled by the Committee on Missionary Education of the Canadian Council of Churches. The book describes briefly the ways in which five Canadian churches, Anglican, Baptist, Presbyterian, Salvation Army, and United Church, work with Indian Christians. The information is presented in a most interesting manner. The illustrations are attractive. It is a book of which Canadians can be justly proud.

In addition to the booklet "Partners in South Asia," the programme packet will contain five Programmes on India, and two on National Missions.

Programme One, "Why are we in India?" deals with some of the truths of Christianity, which are greater than Hinduism, Islam, and Animism. In the presentation as suggested, two young Indians tell a Canadian housewife why they are Christians, and two Canadian workers tell why they chose to serve in India.

Programme Two, by means of a Panel Discussion entitled "How are we in India?", tells something of the hopes and visions of the pioneer Missionaries in the Bhil and Jhansi fields. We learn of the strong foundations and far-sighted plans of Dr. and Mrs. John Buchanan and Dr. and Mrs. John Wilkie.

Programmes Three, Four, and Five, show the results of the work which the Presbyterian Church in Canada helped to start in India. We see how our Indian partners are serving God and their country, in many fields of endeavour. In Programme Three we study about their work in education. We learn of the needs of our Schools, and the part they play in the life of the people. Programme Four is a radio play, which takes us on a typical day with a Mobile Medical Unit. The Service of Worship for this meeting is held, in imagination, with our workers and the village people gathered for the Clinic. Programme Five, entitled "Outreach through Evangelism," shows how Evangelism enters into every phase of our work in India. It is only as every Christian witnesses to Christ, in every activity of daily life, that the Gospel can be proclaimed. In your reading, watch for pictures and information about India so that this new Study may be of even greater value to you and your group.

The two Programmes on National Missions present "The Changing City Challenges the Church." In these Programmes, we attend a meeting of a Home Missions Committee of a Presbytery. The Committee is discussing their plans for strengthening the witness of the Church, in our own changing community. We will discuss the needs of those who spend either their week-days or their week-ends away from home; our responsibilities in community organizations, etc. These studies will help us discover as individuals, and as groups, how we can increase outreach through Evangelism in our own environment.

WELCOME TO MISS MAY NUTT

The Adult Committee welcomes Miss May Nutt, as she begins her work as Assistant in the Adult Department (see Organization Staff News). The members of the Committee look forward to working with her in the days ahead, to the end that the work of Adult groups may be strengthened, and more concerned interest in the Church's Mission aroused, among the women of the Church.

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ORGANIZATION STAFF NEWS . . .

By LOUISE A. REITH, M.A.

Executive Director of Organizations

THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT, at this time, announces some changes in its staff. Miss Ruby Walker, who since 1946 has served as a Regional Secretary, now returns to the National Staff of the Women's Missionary Society, to work in Downtown Missions in Toronto. During her years as a Regional Secretary, Miss Walker became well-known across the Society as she worked at various times in the Synods of Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Toronto and Kingston, Hamilton and London, and Montreal and Ottawa. We know well that the life of a Regional Secretary is a demanding one, both on physical strength and in constant preparation for training sessions. During her years on the staff of Regional Secretaries, Miss Walker has given herself unstintingly to the areas which she has served. We shall miss her in this Department, but are happy that we shall continue to work with her on the W.M.S. Staff, as she serves in the National Department.

During the last two years the Regional Work in the Synods of Toronto and Kingston, and Hamilton and London, has been divided between Miss Walker and Miss Clare Hanes. The former being responsible for older Youth and Adult Work, and Miss Hanes for Children's and Youth Work. Miss Hanes will now confine her work to the Synod of Hamilton and London, where she will work with leaders, officers, and Church-School teachers, and be responsible for work among Children, Youth, and Adults.

As the Society is well aware, there has not been an Adult Secretary for six years, and there is need for assistance in this department. To fill this need, it has been decided to bring Miss May Nutt into the office. Miss Nutt graduated from the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess School in 1957, and was appointed as Regional Secretary to the Synod of British Columbia, where she has given consistent and effective service. According to the W.M.S. policy in regard to study furloughs, that of Miss Nutt is overdue. However, because of the need in the office, especially as the 1964 Anniversaries' Celebrations draw near, Miss Nutt has agreed to assist in the Adult Work, and delay her furlough study for a time.

MISS MAY NUTT

These changes mean that at the moment there is no Regional Secretary in the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, or in British Columbia. We regret this, and hope, before long, that once again the Organization Department may be able to provide a Regional Secretary for every Synod.

THE SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AND ECUMENICAL CENTRE INSTITUTE

by (MRS. D. F.) NORMA HAZELL

IN JUNE of this year, there came into being an Institution which should be of great value to the Canadian Churches — namely, The School of Missions and Ecumenical Institute. For the present, it will be located in the former School of Missions at 97 St. George Street, Toronto. The purpose of the new Institution is to continue to further the interests and concerns of the Canadian School of Missions, in accordance with the intentions of its Founders and Donors, and in accordance with the changing conditions and circumstances of the Church's mission in the world, as a centre for the training of Overseas Missionaries, as well as for the stimulation of interest in Overseas Missions. Moreover, its purpose is to assist in the promotion of the interests, and activities, of the Canadian Council of Churches, in the manifestation of the unity and effective carrying-out of the mission of the Church, in Canada and throughout the world.

The Canadian School of Missions and Ecumenical Institute will serve these purposes by means of —

1. Courses of instruction; lectures; seminars; institutes; conferences; and retreats.
2. Provision for academic study of subjects in the ecumenical field, at both undergraduate and graduate levels.
3. Such other relevant programme as may be determined by the Board of Management.
4. The maintenance of a relevant library, and facilities for study and research.

Included in its Programme shall be —

1. Orientation Courses, and appropriate specialized training for Missionaries; Missionary Candidates; Out-Going Missionaries; and other persons going Overseas.
2. Courses for training and education of lay-people and professional Church-workers, in the understanding of the Church, and its mission in Canada, and throughout the world, and for their effective participation in it.
3. Assistance to, and initiation of, inter-Church consultation and study of current issues, and developments relating to the unity and mission of the Church.

The Canadian School of Missions and Ecumenical Institute will be managed by a Board of Management, appointed by the Canadian Council of Churches, and composed of members nominated by the different Churches participating, among them being four members from the Presbyterian Church in Canada; four from the General Board of Missions, (two of whom will be from the Women's Missionary Society, W.D.); one member from Ewart College; and one from Knox College. The financial support will be sought from the Churches, Boards, and other co-operating bodies.

In the training of Overseas staff, both the General Board of Missions, and the Women's Missionary Society, will save many hundreds of dollars, by sending their Candidates to the Orientation Courses provided at the new School of Missions and Ecumenical Institute. Previously, such training was available only in the United States, or abroad, and was a rather costly affair.

The Canadian School of Missions was organized in 1921, by Missionary Leaders of the major denominations. In 1930, it occupied the Albert Nordhiemer residence, at 97 St. George Street. The Founder, and Director for over twenty-five years, was Dr. Lovell Murray. The original purpose was to provide preparatory instruction for students planning Overseas service, and to provide Refresher Courses for Missionaries on furlough, through a variety of Courses, activities, and reading, for which a Missionary Library was developed. Through gifts, subsidies from the Leonard Foundation; Wood Gundy and Co.; and the Rev. H. C. Priest Memorial Fund, a very splendid Library has developed. Much use has been made of it by the students of Ewart College, and the Missionaries on furlough. Later, a Lecture Course and Seminar on Christian Missions, for the students of the various Theological, and Women's Training Colleges, of Toronto, was developed. Short-term Institutes; Courses, and Seminars, were continued for Missionaries on furlough. The W.M.S. National Missionaries have been welcome, and more attention will be given to their needs in the new Institute.

The School took the initiative, in 1950, in organizing the Toronto School of Linguistics, involving 29 Mission Boards and Societies, with offices in, or near Toronto, including the Independent Missions. The average attendance has been about 70 Missionary Candidates, one third of whom come from the United States. This is the only Linguistic Institute of its kind in North America.

The Outgoing Missionary Conference was another development which has grown with the years. This Course involves living, reading, and studying, together in community, to provide information about the non-Christian religions, and the Christian approach to such beliefs, to face problems of

Missionary attitudes and relationships to different religions and cultures, and to further ability in group living and co-operative work.

For some time, there has been a growing conviction that the development of the world-wide movement for Mission and Unity called for the inauguration of an Ecumenical Centre or Institute, in Canada. In 1961, the International Missionary Council united with the World Council of Churches, as a Department, and became the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism. Thus, the time seemed right for the closer relation of the School of Missions, and the Canadian Council of Churches. Just here, a tribute should be paid to the retiring Director, Dr. L. S. Albright, who, since 1948, has given such valuable teaching and assistance to all who have made use of the School's facilities. All concerned, wish for him and Mrs. Albright, God's richest blessings in their years of retirement.

The Director of the new School of Missions and Ecumenical Institute is Canon H. L. Puxley, a former Secretary of the Department of Missions of the Canadian Council of Churches.

At the Annual Meeting of the Canadian School of Missions, on May 24, of this year, the following resolution was passed, to be placed on record:—"With a sense of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the way in which, by His Holy Spirit, the Canadian School of Missions has been led to this hour in its history, this Council of the Canadian School of Missions, now assembled, officially, in its last session, wishes to place on record the conviction that a tremendously potent new era is just beginning, for the fulfilment of the work, which the Founders of this Canadian School of Missions envisaged, as the Canadian School of Missions becomes the newly-formed Canadian School of Missions and Ecumenical Institute. It will have a developing opportunity, in the wider life of the Canadian Churches, of pointing to the vital and essential need of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every creature, and pointing up the fellowship of one Lord, one Church, and one Faith."

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Plowman's Dawn!

There is a glory of the day
That city dwellers can not know,
When night, in silence, steals away;
When sunshine comes and shadows go.

The early plowman in the field
Lifts up his eyes to coming morn,
And reverently he stays his task
And watches as the day is born.

The very trees seem now to stand
More silently, as if in prayer;
The song of birds is hushed and still;
There is a glory in the air.

He stands this moment silently,
His feet pressed deep into the sod;
The city dweller can not know
Such unity of man—and God.

(Selected)

OVERSEAS STAFF NEWS

By MARY E. WHALE, B.A.

Executive Director, Overseas Missions

MISS PAULINE BROWN

MISS PAULINE BROWN, Reg. N.
Miss Brown returned to Canada in March of this year suffering with T.B. of the kidney. She is, at the time of writing, in Royal Ottawa Sanatorium, Ottawa. It is expected that she may take up her furlough plans in the autumn of this year.

MISS HELEN ACTON

MISS HELEN ACTON, Reg. N.
Miss Acton has been home in Kingston for a year. During that time she has been taking treatment for liver and intestinal diseases which she contracted in India. It is expected that she will resume full activity in the autumn of this year.

MISS ISABEL TAYLOR, A.T.C.M.

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Miss Taylor arrived in her home town of Medicine Hat, Alberta, in mid July. At the time of writing her furlough plans have not been completed.

NEW APPOINTEES

Three new appointees are booked to leave for their fields this month—Miss Sue Sarjeant, Reg. N., and Miss Catherine Polson, Reg. N., will go to India to begin language study preparatory to taking up duties as Missionary Nurses. Miss Shirley Dredge will go to Nigeria where she will teach school in the city of Umuahia. Miss Ruth Starratt, who came on our staff June 1st, will be appointed either to a field overseas or to one at home.

Next month we hope to have the account of the Designation Services which took place in June.

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A MOST IMPORTANT MEETING!

In all, some 500 participants from fifty countries took part in a score of meetings over a three-week period, when the Leaders of the World Council of Churches convened in Rochester, U.S., August 26 to September 2. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, of New York, President of the Lutheran Church in America is Chairman of this 100-member Policy-Making Committee, which was elected at the World Council's Assembly in New Delhi, in 1961, and includes Archbishops, Bishops, Pastors, and Laymen from all Continents, representing 201 of the world's Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox Churches. This Committee meets annually to direct the work of the Council between Assemblies, which are held only every six or seven years. The focal point of the deliberations was the consideration of Christian unity. (World Council of Churches)

In Remembrance

NAME	CHURCH	PRESBYTERIAL
Miss Bessie MacMurchy (India) Reg.N.; M.Sc.N.	First, Collingwood	Barrie
Mrs. J. Thomas Knott	Knox, Meaford	Barrie
Mrs. Norman Buchan	St. John's, Cornwall	Glengarry
Mrs. J. E. Pearen	Presbyterian, Rockwood	Guelph
Mrs. G. A. Richardson	Knox, Guelph	Guelph
Mrs. Wm. Armstrong	Knox, Guelph	Guelph
Mrs. G. I. Forsythe	St. Paul's, Hamilton	Hamilton
Miss Cecilia Torrance	St. Paul's, Hamilton	Hamilton
Mrs. Margaret Ferguson	Knox, Bayfield	Huron
Miss Katharine MacDonald	St. John's, Medicine Hat	MacLeod
Mrs. George Egleston	St. Andrew's, Wingham	Maitland
Mrs. James Spalding	First, Port Colborne	Niagara
Mrs. J. B. McMillan	St. Paul's, Ingersoll	Paris
Mrs. Wm. Hutchison	St. Paul's, Ingersoll	Paris
Mrs. John Minard	Presbyterian, Ratho	Paris
Mrs. Florence German	St. Andrew's, Mooretown	Sarnia
Mrs. Ellis Turnbull	St. Andrew's, Mooretown	Sarnia
Mrs. Howard Taylor	Patterson Memorial, Sarnia	Sarnia
Mrs. W. F. Dalling	Knox, Monkton	Stratford
Mrs. Adam Willoughby	Presbyterian, Atwood	Stratford
Mrs. John Leonard	Presbyterian, Atwood	Stratford
Mrs. Wm. Robertson	Presbyterian, Avonton	Stratford
Mrs. Angus Ballantyne	Presbyterian, Avonton	Stratford
Mrs. J. B. Young	St. Andrew's, Saskatoon	Saskatoon
Mrs. A. C. Farlinger	St. Andrew's, New Liskeard	Temiskaming
Miss Mary E. Buckley	St. Andrew's, Victoria	Victoria

ONE PROJECT FOR ALL!

—prepared by members of the Anniversaries' Committee

IN THESE YEARS leading up to the 100th, and the 50th, Anniversaries of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., various Projects have been suggested and undertaken by the women of the Church.

It is gratifying to know that the money, contributed to the National and Overseas Projects, is already at work. The National Anniversaries' Project has provided our Society with a fine eight-roomed house located at 73 Chestnut Street in the city of Winnipeg. We have named this property Presbyterian Fellowship House, for it is within this house that young people, who have come to the city of Winnipeg for advanced schooling, or to seek employment, find Christian love, understanding, and fellowship. To them it is a home-away-from-home, a base from which they can "get their bearings" as they experience the faster tempo of urban life, in which, as strangers in a strange environment, they learn of the loneliness that is possible, even when one is surrounded by crowds of people.

Over two hundred persons have enjoyed the hospitality of Fellowship House for varying periods of time according to their need. Many more young people have enjoyed fellowship within the home, making use of its recreational and other facilities.

The Overseas Anniversary money has gone into buildings. The two Projects that are completed, and the remaining incomplete one; i.e., the Home Science room and dormitory for the Helen MacDonald School in Jhansi, are all supporting necessary buildings for the work which we have undertaken. The Christian Education wing in the Taipei Seminary is completed. We shared this year, and will continue for the next several years to sponsor lay-training Courses at Hsin Chu Bible School. The School of Nursing in Jobat, and the additional rooms in Jhansi, are in process of being built. We feel that God is blessing our work in Formosa and India through the women of the Presbyterian Church in Canada sharing so generously in these Projects.

We are grateful for the response of the Society to these Special Projects, but as we take a serious look at the work for which we are responsible we realize that it consists of much more than these Special Projects. When we look at page nine, in the April 1963 issue of The Glad Tidings, and see that the financial Synodical givings of the Society for 1962 were $339,777.80 against an estimate of $397,670.00 we are gravely concerned. The estimate for 1963 is $407,765.00 which means that we will need to contribute $67,987.20 more this year than we did in 1962, if we are to meet our commitments. This means that . . .

Groups which gave $100 in 1962 should give $120 in 1963
Groups which gave $200 in 1962 should give $240 in 1963

Taking this into consideration, the Anniversaries' Committee recommended, and the 1963 Council approved the recommendation, that in concluding our Anniversary Projects the efforts of the Society should be directed to raising the 1963 Estimate, rather than to any additional Special National or Overseas Projects.

Look at the 1963 Estimates on pages 13 to 22 in the January 1963 Glad Tidings. Discuss these in your group. As you think of them as an individual, and discuss them with others, keep in mind that: —

—never has our church been faced with a greater challenge for work within our Nation. With a population explosion from within, and immigration from without, we are confronted with thousands of new Canadian citizens in need of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our ministry to a growing Indian Canadian community, facing integration into our society is of vital importance. The needs of many new Chinese Canadians, and of an increasing inner city problem are a continual challenge. The ministry to the sick and shut-in, as well as leadership training within our church structure, are all dependent upon the Estimates of the National Department.

—to support the Estimates for Overseas work, is to answer God's Call to serve by providing personnel, and the necessary resources to carry on their work, in cooperation with fellow Christians in our Overseas Fields. Rising costs in Overseas countries, together with the devaluation of the Canadian dollar, mean that the Estimate meets only the minimum askings of each Field. Additional staff is required, especially in Formosa and Japan, for which the Estimates do not provide.

—the Estimates within the Organization Department attempt to meet the need of week-day Groups of Children, Teenagers, and Adults for programme materials, through the preparation and recommendation of such as are judged suitable; to provide National Age Group and Regional Secretaries; to prepare materials and give assistance throughout the Synods of the Church, to officers, leaders, and Church-School teachers. There is a continuing need for such help to be given.

—in these days of increasing literacy, when the printed word brings so many conflicting ideologies in attractive form in an attempt to claim the allegiance of mankind, we dare not be found wanting in providing good Christian Literature.

—an informed people is an interested people. Through the Publications Department, information concerning the Christian Church around the world is distributed; in the Glad Tidings we are kept up to date about the work of our Church and Society . . . Remember the still unreached Anniversary Objective of 25,000 subscribers by 1964.

REMEMBER . . .

Your part is to *share!*

SHARE the work of the Society by inviting all the women of your congregation to participate, and thus prove yourself a Missionary, right where you are.

SHARE in the financial objective, in order that we will not be faced with the tragic necessity of cutting back the work to which we are committed.

SHARE in prayer, that God will bless our ministry, at Home and Overseas, for the extension of His Kingdom, and find us ready to advance to greater service as we stand on the threshold of the second century of our Society, having completed the first century as faithful stewards.

SPECIAL — ADVANCE NOTICE!

Now, in September, they will be ready for you—the special Souvenir items which you have been asking to have for our Anniversaries Year! There will be white Place Mats bearing the W.M.S. Crest and Motto in blue; Serviettes, with the blue W.M.S. Crest; and beautiful silver Coffee Spoons with the W.M.S. Crest in enamel on the handle, which will make splendid gifts, or to add to your own collection. All of these may be ordered through the Publications Department. Spoons cost $2.00 each; Place Mats—fifty for 75c; Serviettes—fifty for 50c, or one cent apiece. Why not have some of these available at Sectional and Group Meetings, as the Fall Schedule begins? Get your orders in early!

Only One!

I am only one, but I *am* one!
I cannot do everything, but I can do
something.
What I *can* do, I *ought* to do,
What I ought to do,
By the Grace of God, **I will do!**
(Selected)

Your Prayers are asked

—For the members of the National Staff, that they may be inspired to make very vivid, to all whom they serve, the great need for Stewardship of time, talents, and substance, if we will meet the challenge of National Missions.

—For all those who have shared in the witness and inspiration of the Summer workers on the Vans, and in various Presbyteries across Canada. Let us pray that volunteers will come forth to keep the enthusiasm and interest in the Mission of the Church very much alive, in the months when they are without leaders.

—For all leaders of weekday groups that, as September brings the renewal of group activities, they may be given the ability, strength, and knowledge, to guide the children and youth for whom they are responsible.

—For all adult groups that, with the girls and children of the Church, they may in prayer, study, and service, help to advance the Kingdom of God in their own communities in Canada and in other lands.

—For the health of missionaries laid aside with illness, particularly for Miss Brown, and Miss Acton, that their strength be restored that they may continue in service for their Lord and Master.

—For the new Ecumenical Centre, linked as it is with the Canadian School of Missions. Pray that God's blessing may rest upon the staff, upon its governing body, that it may be of service to the Churches in Canada.

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SEPTEMBER — FOR WHAT?

S—Somebody said, and 'tis probably true,
U—"Under the sun, there is nothing that's new";
B—But, in The Glad Tidings, each month you'll find
S—Something that's new, and worth keeping in mind!
C—Consider the value your small dollar buys;
R—Remember 'tis knowledge that makes members wise!
I —In all Presbyterian homes, "The Glad Tidings" should be,
P—Perhaps, if **you** try, that goal we'll soon see.
T—That "1964 Project—it must surely succeed;
I —It **will,** if **you** help get the subscriptions we need!
O—Our members are many—their loyal help we ask;
N—Never say "25,000 subscriptions" is an impossible task!
S—Success, and **not** failure, must be our firm creed! (L.M.C.)

NEWS FROM MRS. GEHMAN

Swain House
Kodaikanal
Madurai District
South India

Dear Friend:

I am trying to catch up with my letter-answering before going back to work the 10th of June! Aleyanna Kureivilla intended spending a few days with me here, as she had always wanted to see "Hilltop," Dr. Ida S. Scudder's home in Kodai, which now belongs to her niece, Dr. Ida B. Scudder, who is the Head of our X-Ray Department at Vellore, but I have just had a wire saying she would have to postpone her visit.

I have not heard, as yet, how our students made out on their exams. We are taking twenty-five Post-Graduates this year, the largest Class ever, in order to meet the need of the Mission Hospitals, who need Sister Tutors so badly for their Schools of Nursing. I can see where we will have a busy year ahead of us when the new School year begins in July!

Next Friday, there will be a Memorial Service for Dr. Ida S. Scudder, at the Ashram near "Hilltop," when those who knew her will meet together to remember her, and then they will go up to "Hilltop," where she

Graduates of Vellore.

died three years ago. I expect there will be another Memorial Service for her in Vellore Christian Medical College.

Dr. Mary Verghese is back in Vellore, and doing a wonderful job, heading up our Physical Medicine Department. She visits the patients who are incapacitated, with our Physiotherapist. I think just the fact that she is in a wheelchair herself, encourages the patients to make an effort to get well. One of our patients just did not want to do anything for herself, but after a few visits from Dr. Mary, and daily trips to Physiotherapy, she began using her hands, and started learning to walk again. Did you know that Dorothy Clarke Wilson has just written a book about Dr. Mary? We have not seen it in Vellore yet. You may remember that Mary Verghese was left paralyzed from the chest down, after a car accident, not long after she graduated as a Doctor from Vellore. And yet, you never see her without a smile!

Have you met the Savariryans yet? Kamala and Sanjier are good friends of mine, and wonderful people. They are using some of my slides, along with others, on their Deputation work. (*Mrs. Savariryan was a "surprise guest" at one of the recent Annual Council Meetings in Ewart College. Ed.*)

It has been rainy and cold up here at Kodaikanal this year, and I've been having colds. I think the heat of Vellore will feel good when I go back — but not for long, likely. I do not think I will like Canadian winters any more! I shall be coming home on furlough in the spring of 1964. Incidentally, right now, I am studying coloquial Tamil, hoping that I will be better able to communicate to those who do not understand too much of the high Tamil I was taught.

My best wishes to you, and may the Lord bless and keep you in His service.

Sincerely yours,
Mildred Gehman.

Third year students carrying jasmine garlands for the graduates.

Did You Know . . . ?

That the Presbyterian Church in Canada started its work at Rocky Mountain House in 1922, and that the same old building served the congregation until 1962, when, in November, the new $100,000 Memorial Presbyterian Church was dedicated, and a banquet attended by 450 persons followed the Dedication Services? Several Memorials for the new Church were dedicated by the Minister of Rocky Mountain House Church, the Rev. G. A. Cunningham.

That a Presbyterian Minister has taken up residence as Moscow's first American Protestant Clergyman since the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917? The Rev. Donald Roberts, former Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Tonawanda, N.Y., was sent to Moscow by the National Council of Churches to provide "Christian witness and pastoral leadership in places where these are sorely needed." He arrived in Mocow, by train, from Helsinki, Finland, with his wife and two small children, and, joining the Rev. F. Richards, an Augustinian priest, is serving Moscow's foreign colony of several hundred Diplomats and Correspondents. Previous to this, Protestant Services were conducted by an Anglican Minister, who came in from Helsinki every six months or so. The Rev. Mr. Roberts served for two years with the World Council of Churches in Geneva, and is now learning Russian, the better to serve the Russians also, if they come on their own initiative.

That impressive gains in membership have been reported at the last General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Formosa? The oldest Protestant body in the country, the Formosan Presbyterian Church, will soon reach its one hundredth Anniversary. A report to the General Assembly disclosed that a Church Membership Campaign, started eight years ago — as a ten-year project — leading up to the 1965 Centennial Celebration, has already exceeded its goal.

That, in proportion to its population, Norway distributes more copies of the Scriptures than any other country in the world? And that Finland, another Scandinavian Country comes second to Norway? The Norwegian Bible Society reports, that for every thousand inhabitants of Norway, 37 Bibles or New Testaments were distributed last year, and for Finland the number, per thousand people, was 34. In distribution of whole Bibles, Norway was in seventh place among all nations.

That, in Belfast, Northern Ireland, the Rev. Dr. Arnold Frank, one of the oldest Presbyterian Ministers in the world, recently observed his 104th birthday?

REPORT OF THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, MARCH 1st, 1963

by (MRS. J. L.) VIOLA HALPENNY
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THE SUCCESS of the World Day of Prayer is dependent upon the dedicated, faithful, service of thousands of volunteers. From the office of the Women's Inter-Church Council, women of the Churches counted, parcelled, and mailed, 264,000 copies of the service. Councils and local committees across Canada planned and rehearsed the Service, and promptly remitted offerings amounting to date to $70,306.27 — an increase of some $7,000 over 1962.

In reviewing the thousands of reports from these committees, one was impressed by the fact that the influence of the World Day of Prayer is being extended. Up to fifteen different faiths participated in Services; family nights are increasing; the trend is toward Youth Services; more day schools are using Children's Services. Letters to Chaplains resulted in an increase in the number of chapel guilds participating — sometimes women were invited from neighbouring communities.

Services in Japanese, Chinese, French, and Braille, enabled many more to really participate. The Business and Professional Women's Club was represented on the planning committee of one city, and members of the office committee. Through a member of the United Nation's staff in Damascus, our Canadian service was translated into Arabic. Women of the community joined in a truly ecumenical Service, including prayers in five languages. More committees are gradually discovering other activities that will strengthen this inter-church fellowship.

The reports contained many good suggestions, which will be given careful consideration. Some communities encountered difficulties, such as extreme weather, Flu epidemics, and curling bonspiels. There were many expressions of appreciation for literature supplied by the Council, and the efficiency of the office, under Miss Jean Menzies and members of the office committee. The women of Korea were commended for the beauty and meaningfulness of the Service. The contribution of Speakers and Leaders was mentioned. On Walpole Island (where there is an Indian reservation) the women presented the Leaders with sweet grass baskets.

In addition to the posters and other printed publicity provided by the Council, we owe a debt of gratitude to the newspapers and radio and TV stations across the Dominion, for the great amount of free space and time allotted for the promotion of the World Day of Prayer. Especially must we thank the Berkeley Studio of The United Church of Canada, who, through the services of Miss Nancy Edwards, provided spot announcements and eight segments of radio tapes containing interviews relating to the service. The tapes were forwarded to 215 radio stations in Canada, several using all, and others using some of the material from 1 to 40 times. In addition, many radio and TV stations arranged live interviews with members of the local World Day of Prayer committees, while several broadcast the actual service for shut-ins.

The "Day" is past, but its influence lingers on in Christian fellowship and service, and in the many projects around the world, which will be strengthened by the contributions of dedicated Christian women on March 1st, 1963.

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Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

TAKE MY HANDS. By Dorothy Clarke Wilson

The Title of this truly important new book is taken from two lines of a hymn — "Take my hands and let them move, at the impulse of Thy love" — and certainly if human hands were ever motivated by the love of God, and performed their miracles through great knowledge, complete Christian faith and dedication, they *are* the hands of Dr. Mary Verghese, who now heads the newly-created Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Vellore Christian Medical College, where she was an outstanding pupil of the famous Dr. Ida S. Scudder, the founder of this remarkable Hospital in South India. Soon after her graduation, however, this brilliant young surgeon, came through a terrible accident, which seemed to have put an end to all her dreams and ambitions, and left her a paraplegic, paralyzed from the waist down, and confined to a wheelchair. Months of pain and rebellion followed, but Mary Verghese was, and is, a vital, trusting Christian, so she determined with God's help, to make her life count for humanity despite her handicaps, and trained herself to operate from her wheelchair. So well did she succeed that in time she was made a surgeon in Vellore's Leprosy Centre, where she performed intricate and amazing operations to restore the hands and feet of leprosy victims.

More operations on her spine were necessary, and in 1957, she spent several months in a Rehabilitation Centre in Australia, always cherishing her dream of some day really helping the hopeless and disabled ones of India, who could not ever get to Rehabilitation Centres, as she had done. In 1960, on a Scholarship, she came to New York, both as a patient and a Staff Physician, to Dr. Howard Rusk's Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and in 1962, having passed all the difficult examinations, she returned to Vellore as an accredited Expert, ready to take over the newly created Department of Rehabilitation, which had been built in her absence.

I have never read a more inspiring, more remarkable, or more beautifully-written book. Dorothy Clarke Wilson, you will remember as the Author of the fine biography of Dr. Ida S. Scudder, which we reviewed some time ago, and she first began gathering her material for this equally-fine biography when she learned about Dr. Mary Verghese while at Vellore in 1957; her personal story she explored in detail while Dr. Mary was studying in New York City in 1961-62. Dr. Verghese's share of the royalties from this book are going to the Christian Medical College at Vellore. "I have decided what I want to do with my share of the royalties," she has said, "It is going to buy appliances — crutches, braces, pulleys, maybe even wheelchairs — for those of my patients who can't afford them. I shall call it my 'loaves and fishes' fund, because, even though it is small, in the Master's hands, it may keep growing." This is definitely a book which you cannot afford to miss! Price — $5.75

WHAT REALLY COUNTS. By Robert R. Powell

The sub-title of this new Resource Book, which so well augments the 1963-64 Study Theme, is "Young Asians Speak Their Minds", and its Author, Dr. Powell, who teaches Christian Education, and Psychology of Religion, at Wesley Theological Seminary, and lives in Washington, D.C., received a great deal of his factual information for this book, as well as from personal contacts, from the staffs of the Embassies of India, Pakistan, Ceylon, and Nepal, who so well know the feeling, and the backgrounds of their differing homelands. Aimed at the age-groups of Senior High, this book opens wide the horizons of what teen-agers all around the world, and especially the young South Asians, are thinking, and asking, about the major questions of life and living which all young people everywhere are querying —family relationships; love and courtship; marriage; vocations; nationalism; communism; the changing status of women — for among the young people of this book there are Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims, and atheists, as well as Christians. This is a book for thoughtful consideration, study, and understanding, both from the individual reader, the Group, and, very specially, for the Leaders of such Groups. Discussion questions, and group techniques are suggested, and further conversations outlined, at the end of each Chapter. Interesting, and very broadening in vision — Price — $1.75 Paper

MY BROTHER IS A STRANGER. By Bruce Hilton

With all the sadness of colour bars and racial hatreds; integration and violence; filling the headlines of all newspapers in these times of turmoil and lack of understanding of human relationships, one to the other, this good Resource Book presents a viewpoint of tolerance and integrity, and the Christian outlook on "strangers who ought to be brothers in the Christian life, but who haven't found the way." And many of these "strangers" are those who are living right about us in our towns and cities—what should be our Christian concern for them? How are we going to live in the big cities, with the great unseen barriers, behind which all these undercurrents are flowing — and still be *truly* living our Christian faith? There are many answers to these heart-touching and perplexing questions to be found within these gripping and true-to-life pages; many vignettes of different kinds of peoples and their problems, which Christian understanding and hope should help to change. The photographs are gripping, too — they tell as graphic a story as does the prose. The underlying question of the whole book cannot but waken conscience, and make each Christian reader deeply — and personally — think — "Who cares enough to break the barriers of indifference — to turn these strangers into friends and brothers? Who cares enough to meet them half-way?" Here is a book to read, and ponder — and not soon to forget! Price — $1.75 Paper

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The Consecration of Friendship!

He Who has called us friends, our Elder Brother,
Gave us, my friend, as friends to one another,
And hallow'd this our earthly tie by Love
That springs from Him and rests in Him above;
In His dear Name our mutual prayers ascend,
Thy prayers for me, and mine for thee, my friend.

(From the Editor's Scrapbook)

The Teen Years

INTRODUCING YOU TO SOUTHERN INDIA

by MARGARET BOYD

INDIA! What a fascinating name! And what wonderful scenes are suggested by this word! In imagination you will see a wide, calm bay, its waves gleaming brightly in the moonlight; a barren waste of sandy desert; mountains with cold white peaks; forests of green-clad trees; a group of graceful women with water pots upon their heads; gaunt, weary men and cattle, walking along the dusty road under a blazing sun; people of widely differing races, but all at home in this land of India. And you will hear the many sounds of Indian life. The bustle and the confusion of the bazaar, where the vendor displays his wares; the spinning wheel of stone, as the potter shapes his clay bowls and water pots; the age-old sound of grinding, from a village hut; the plodding feet of the laden camels on the desert; the noise and stir of a railway station, and the constant noise of traffic in a large city; the babel of a score of different languages.

These are some of the things which you will think about with your Group, when the programme of your meetings is concerned with Mission Study. "Light from Many Lamps" is the name given to the Programme Outlines, which are provided to help you gain a deeper understanding of people who live in Southern Asia. Jesus Christ is the Light of the World, and all Christians have been called to be light for all the world, and "like the lamp, shed light among your fellows." God has given to each one of us a light to illuminate the dark places of the earth, and to show forth the glory of God. Missionaries represent us, as they carry the light of God's love to the people you will learn about.

There is Sarojani, a Bhil Village girl, who came to live at the Christian school in Amkhut, and who dreamed of the day when she might be one of the fortunate girls who would be allowed to go on to the High School in Jhansi. She had been a member of the Yukti Sabha Group, which is like our C.G.I.T., and through its Christian activities she had been helped to look forward to the day when she would be a Christian school teacher, and a Christian mother.

A young Christian boy, Ishwar Das, working in Jhansi, tells of his life in a little Christian village, and of how his father struggled to provide enough money for him to go to School and College. Ishwar graduated, and found a job in the city. There he found it more difficult to carry a light for Jesus Christ than it had been at home, or at the Christian school. No doubt you have been faced with temptations, but they are different from the ones with which Ishwar was confronted. As you hear about him, and about the Church in Jhansi, you will realize some of the responsibilities carried by those who seek to serve Indian youth.

Are you interested in the ways young people meet, and come to an agreement of marriage? In Southern Asia customs are very different from those in our country and I know you will be interested to hear some of them. Many Indian young people are trying to break away from family tradition, in which the parents arrange a dowry as well as partners. The Church seeks to carry the light of Christian standards to the Christian people of India, as it offers guidance in the matter of marriage arrangements of young people from Christian homes.

None of us would like to live in a country which has restrictions about worship. The government of Nepal, a close neighbour of India, has said that each person must practice his own religion, and also forbids any person to convert another to his religion. But the Church has the opportunity to serve the people of Nepal, through trained medical workers who go to that country. You will hear of Bishwani, a young Christian woman who is a light to the people of Nepal. A graduate of the Graduate School for Nurses at Indore, she now trains nurses in the Christian Hospital in Kitmandu, Nepal.

Perhaps you have found Christian fellowship in your school with other Christian girls and boys, and know how much you appreciate activities and studies with those who have similar interests as you have. But do you ever feel lost in a crowd, because you take a stand for right and for that which is Christian, while those about you do not care? Daleep went to a large city University in India, and found Christian fellowship which helped him to strengthen his faith. You will discuss the importance of relationships of students to others, and I hope you will share Daleep's feelings of concern to carry the light of Christian witness to fellow students.

As your thoughts centre around the Christian young people of Southern Asia, I know you will want to pray for them, and ask God's guidance and help for them as they face problems, and as they search to know His ways. To help you pray in an effective way, you will be given guidance in making a prayer map which will show the different areas of Southern Asia. You can mark on it the concerns you have for those who live in those places.

This is a Study you will enjoy, and from which you will benefit. When you have finished it, and look back upon what you have learned and done together as a Group, it is hoped that you will continue your interest and your prayers for friends in Southern Asia, both as a Group and individually. In this way "light from many lamps" will shine out across the miles, and carry the light of God's love into the lives of many for whom we have a Christian responsibility.

Important Message

"Miss Teenager" is changing her name!
With the September issue this page will be known as

The Teen Years

Sometimes it will be directed to the TEEN YEARS and the W.M.S.
Sometimes to THE TEEN YEARS and the Leader and
Sometimes strictly to THE TEEN YEARS.
YOU CAN HELP!!!

COMING SOON !

Starting in 1964 THE TEEN YEARS will be seeking the answers to some pertinent questions asked by teenagers.
The first question will be:

"WHY DO WE SEND MISSIONARIES TO PLACES WHERE THE PEOPLE HAVE A RELIGION OF THEIR OWN?"

If you have questions which would be of concern to girls, please send them to:

Mrs. C. MacLellan,
11 Bellechasse Street,
SCARBOROUGH, ONT.

ALL FOLK ARE HIS

Sea folk are His; He knew the lash
of whirling sea;
He knew the drag of empty nets
on Galilee.
Hill folk are His; He knew the bells
of sheep at night;
He knew the peace that souls may find
on starlit night.
Town folk are His; He knew the need
of poor and proud;
He found that man might walk alone
within a crowd.
All folk are His; He knows the way,
each rut and stone;
He moves beside us, so that none need
climb alone.

—(Selected)

Boys and Girls!

CHILDREN'S ART AS A WAY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

by (MRS. J. B.) DOROTHY TAYLOR

Children's Department Secretary

WHAT DOES "ART" MEAN to a child? First of all, he is engaged in an act of creation. His picture is the direct result of an intensely-felt personal experience.

When a child draws, he really puts a story on paper. The important things are big; the less important things are small; the unimportant things may be left out altogether.

As he paints, he meditates on the story he has heard. He is happy and relaxed, because his work demands concentration. He will delight in using new and interesting media, and will thrill to the color, form and line that appears on his paper.

Wishing to develop this natural instinct of children, the Children's Work Committee is sponsoring a "Children's Art Project".

We invite children across Canada, from Presbyterian Church Schools, or Church week-day groups, up to the age of twelve, to submit paintings or drawings for this collection. Pictures are to be related to Biblical or Missionary themes. (See rules.)

The Children's work must be original. Well meaning adults may hamper and discourage a child by imposing adult standards. The neat or pretty picture, or the slavish copying of another's efforts may not be a true expression of the child's feelings.

"Except ye become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter the kingdom of heaven". This quality of living, commanded by Jesus, is revealed in all its vitality and sincerity in children's art.

You may wish to have an exhibit of all the children's art done in your local congregation. This idea might be worked out in conjunction with a "Parent-Sunday School Teacher Meeting." C.O.C. and Explorer groups might like to paint pictures on their mission Study, and invite their mothers to a special showing.

The first large display of the Children's Art, will be exhibited at the Anniversaries Celebration of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) in Montreal, May 1964.

It is hoped that free expression through Children's Art will be welcomed in all phases of Christian Education, and encouraged solely because of what it is, speaking silently, persistently in all its simplicity.

CHILDREN'S ART PROJECT —

ENTRY RULES

1. Entries for the exhibit must be original.
2. Paintings should be in tempera or poster paint, oil pastels, or crayons.
3. Entries should be of a size not smaller than 18″ x 24″.
4. Entries should be related to Biblical or Missionary themes.
5. Each entry should have the following particulars printed on the back of the painting.
    (a) Title of the picture.
    (b) A brief statement in the child's words about the painting.
    (c) Full name, postal address of contributor.
    (d) Name of group, name and address of church.
6. Entries should be shipped unmounted, and protected by stiff cardboard, packed flat if possible. If paintings are rolled they should be protected by a stiff cardboard roll on the outside.
7. Please address all entries to:— Mrs. J. B. Taylor
    Presbyterian Children's Art Project
    18 Fern Avenue, Weston, Ontario

    Entries should be sent by January 31, 1964.
8. A Leader, Counsellor, Church School Superintendent, or person chosen from the congregation, will be responsible for selecting paintings to be sent.
9. There will be a letter of acknowledgment and thanks sent to the adults responsible for submitting children's paintings.
10. All contributions become the property of the Children's Work Committee, Presbyterian Church in Canada, and will be available for display after June 1964 to any groups, such as Presbyterial or Synodical.

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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PRESS SECRETARY

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL — At a recent meeting of the Executive of *Victoria* Presbyterial, an interesting and helpful account of the highlights of the Annual Council Meetings was given by Mrs. A. K. Young of *Nanaimo*. Plans were made for a Rally to be held at *Duncan* — a joint Gathering of Presbytery and Presbyterian women. In the morning a report of the General Assembly will be given. Following a Buffet Luncheon, reports will be given of the Conference for Presbyterian women at U.B.C., and the Annual Council Meetings.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Victoria,* has lost a loyal and faithful member in the recent death of Miss Mary E. Buckley, in her 91st year. For over 39 years, Miss Buckley worked with our Canadian Indians, under the W.M.S., at *Birtle,* Manitoba; *Rolling River Reserve*; *Ahousat* and *Alberni,* British Columbia. Since her retirement Miss Buckley has lived in *Victoria,* B.C., to be near her sister, Mrs. D. L. Dance, to whom the sympathy of the Society is extended.

SASKATCHEWAN

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PRESS SECRETARY

PRINCE ALBERT PRESBYTERIAL— When the C.G.I.T. Mother-and-Daughter Banquet was held recently in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Tisdale,* the Elena McKay Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of that Church served the delicious food, and each guest received a corsage. As well as her own Mother, each girl invited an "Adopted Mother", and other special Guests were Mrs. A. Fairbairn, C.G.I.T. Leader; Mrs. Dill Henderson, a former Leader; Mrs. L. Cresswell; and Miss Marie Sim, who took Bible Study with the girls.

Elsie McDonald, Mistress of Ceremonies, proposed the toast to the Queen; Mrs. C. Hanneson, the toast to "The Graduates", to which Karen Hanneson replied; Andrea Sharkey, the toast to "The Mothers", to which Mrs. S. Sharkey, Presbyterial Girls' Organizations Secretary, replied. Leader, Mrs. A. Fairbairn, received a gift of coffee spoons from the girls, and a gift for perfect attendance at Meetings was given Andrea Sharkey.

That evening, the Affiliation and Graduation Services were held, when Mrs. S. Sharkey, Presbyterial

Girls' Work Secretary, presented the C.G.I.T. Affiliation Badges and cards. She urged the girls, through their prayers, study, and gifts, to share in the Mission of the Church through the Women's Missionary Society, to the very best of their ability. Mrs. L. Cresswell was Guest Speaker at the Graduation Service. The Graduates — Karen Hanneson; Vera Jacob; Darlene Sauers — each received a gift of an Hymnary, presented by Mrs. E. Beatty; Mrs. W. McEwen; and Miss Marie Sim, on behalf of the Elena McKay W.M.S. Auxiliary; St. Andrew's W.M.S. Auxiliary; Sasko Park Ladies; and the C.G.I.T.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. M. E. Boudreau, of Calvin Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering meeting of the Parkview W.M.S. Afternoon Auxiliary, spoke on "Prayer", and Mrs. Douglas of Calvin Church, was Soloist. President, Mrs. W. Moir, presided, and an Hour of Social Fellowship followed the Meeting.

The May Meeting of this Auxiliary was held in the home of the President, Mrs. W. Moir, when the Home Helpers, and a number of visitors were present. The Devotional Period was conducted by Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Magee, and this was followed by the Study from "On Asia's Rim", taken as a Question-and-Answer Session on *Hong Kong*. During the winter months, members of Parkview W.M.S. Afternoon Auxiliary were guests of the Mary and Martha Auxiliary of the W.M.S., and of the C.G.I.T. Group.

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SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — The Evening Auxiliary of the W.M.S., and the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Arthur,* as is their custom, met together in McMahon Hall for their joint Thank-Offering Meeting. President, Mrs. W. Comba, of the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary, presided and introduced Miss M. Campbell, President of the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary, who conducted the Worship Service. Others participating were Mrs. D. Conlan, Mrs. S. Sherlock, and Mrs. I. Mitchell.

Mrs. G. McCutcheon showed the film "Double By One Hundred," and, in her commentary, told some of her personal experiences in *Formosa,* and her personal knowledge of those people shown in the film. Mrs. A. Bott, and Mrs. M. M. Spidell received the Offering, and Mrs. Comba thanked those who took part, including Mrs. Fidler, who arranged the Programme. Mrs. George Stirrett was Pianist. Refreshments were served by the Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary, under the convenership of Mrs. Wm. Bragg, assisted by Mrs. Wigmore, Mrs. R. Smith, and Mrs. A. Grant.

This Presbyterial, as well as the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Fort William,* and all members of the Women's Missionary Society, with whom she has worked over a long period of years, have been greatly saddened by the sudden death of Mrs. Charles LeCocq, at her home in *Fort William.* Mrs. LeCocq was a Past President of St. Andrew's W.M.S. Auxiliary; Past President of Superior Presbyterial; Past President of Manitoba Synodical; and for ten years was a member of the Board of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School — now Ewart College. Her Honorary Membership in the W.M.S. was the first given in Superior Presbyterial. She was active in every phase of the work in her Church, as well as in the W.M.S. — Past President of St. Andrew's Women's Guild; Honorary Member of The Good Companion Bible Class; Past President of the Red Cross Auxiliary, and also served for a period of time on the General Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church of Canada. A devoted worker in the service of her Master, and a loyal friend, she will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Sincere sympathy is extended to her two sons, her daughter-in-law and her grandchildren. Mrs. LeCocq's husband died in 1951.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

MRS. GEORGE CLELAND
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PRESS SECRETARY

BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL—Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., illustrated her Address on the W.M.S. work on the *Bhil Field,* where she has been teaching and Evangelistic Missionary for our W.M.S. for many years, with interesting coloured slides, when she was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Burgoyne.* President, Mrs. C. M. Underwood presided, and the Devotional Period was given by Mrs. Gordon Crawford, and Miss E. O. Burgess. The Soloist was Mrs. Steward Esplen. Guests were present from *Arkwright; Southampton; Port Elgin; Dunblane; Burgoyne; White School,* and *West Arran* Women's Institutes. A Social Hour followed.

Mrs. F. Cromey, *Kincardine,* Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Wiarton,* told of the home life, and special celebrations, of the Indian people, among whom she and her husband served as Missionaries, under the Irish Presbyterian Church, for many years. She spoke of the need of daily prayers for the continuation of the good work the Missionaries are doing there.

A Life Membership Certificate was presented to Miss Winnifred

Wrightson, a faithful former member of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Glamis*. Several members of this Auxiliary motored to the home of Mrs. Fred Gilchrist, of *Lucknow,* with whom Miss Wrightson now resides, to make the Presentation.

At the Easter Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Tiverton*, Miss Lily Macarthur, for many years one of our W.M.S. Deaconesses, was Guest Speaker, and explained the three great Festivals of our Church — Easter, Christmas, and Thanksgiving. President, Mrs. H. Hendry, presided and welcomed guests from *Tiverton* Baptist, Chalmers United, and *Glamis* Presbyterian Churches, and also 19 C.G.I.T. members. Mrs. B. McKinnon conducted an Affiliation Service, and six C.G.I.T. members affiliated with the W.M.S. A trio — Mrs. M. MacKenzie, Mrs. J. Taylor, and Mrs. J. Hunter — sang a selection, accompanied by Mrs. G. E. MacKay. The Rev. F. J. Parsons, B.A., closed the Meeting with Prayer.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Tolmie Memorial Presbyterian Church, *Port Elgin,* had Miss Hazel MacDonald, recently of *Taiwan,* as the Guest Speaker at their Thank-Offering Meeting, when President, Mrs. George Lamont, presided, and the Devotional Period was conducted by Mrs. David Bryce and Mrs. Maurice McNabb. Excellent slides of *Formosa,* and the W.M.S. work there, illustrated Miss MacDonald's Address, as she stressed the urgent need for helpers in this work, as well as the funds for their support. Guests were present from *Chatsworth, Glamis, Southampton, Burgoyne, Tara,* and *Tiverton,* as well as from local Churches. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. S. Moore Gordon, who, with her husband, spent many years of Missionary work in *Formosa,* was Guest Speaker at the joint Thank-Offering Meeting of the Afternoon and Evening W.M.S. Auxiliaries of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Owen Sound.* Now retired from the Mission Field, Dr. and Mrs. Gordon are residents of *Guelph, Ontario.* Mrs. Gordon, a Past President of Bruce-Owen Sound Presbyterial, told of their experiences in *Formosa,* as she showed pictures of the country and the people, and of the ten different tribes they worked among, all of which spoke different languages. Speaking of the loyalty of the men and women to their Churches, when they become Christians, Mrs. Gordon stressed the fact that while there are now over 400 Christian Churches, there are only 45 pastors to serve these people. Mrs. W. P. Clow welcomed guests, and Devotions were conducted by Mrs. J. Street and Miss Anne Wilson. The Intermediate Choir sang an Anthem, and the Rev. F. Miller closed the Meeting with Prayer. The Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary served refreshments.

HURON PRESBYTERIAL—The Rev. G. L. Royal conducted the impressive Service for the first Graduation Ceremony of the C.G.I.T. of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Goderich,* and presented Chevrons and Pins to the Group. A Junior W.M.S. Life Membership was presented to Paul-Ann Lowery, and Senior W.M.S. Life Memberships were awarded to Diane Bannister and Connie MacDonald. Blue Seals were given to Bonnie Allen, Paul-Ann Lowery, and Sharon Watson.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL — At *Lucknow* Presbyterian Church, the C.G.I.T. held a "Mission Night" in the Church, when they presented the film "On The Rim of East Asia"; displayed their projects; and, most important of all, were re-affiliated with the W.M.S.

At a recent Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Belmore* Presbyterian Church, Miss J. Leison, of *Belmore,* in showing the sociological similarities in *Korea, Hong Kong, Okinawa,* and *Formosa,* pointed out that the Christian Church, though small in numbers, may some day prove to be the salvation of this area. Mrs. E. Zinn showed the Honorary Membership presented to her through the Presbyterial, and said that she felt this was an honour to the whole Auxiliary, rather than the individual member.

Mrs. Wm. Murchison presided at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Afternoon Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Wingham.* The Worship Service from the April "Glad Tidings" was used, and Mrs. McGee and Mrs. Moffat sang a duet. The Guest Speaker, Miss Laura Collar, a former Missionary in *Nigeria,* who now lives in *Bethlehem, Ontario,* gave an inspiring Address on her work in *Nigeria,* using the theme "When God Leads His People, He Goeth Before Them". Miss Kathleen Pringle introduced the Speaker, and Mrs. H. Aitcheson closed the Meeting with Prayer.

The Annual Meeting of Maitland Presbyterial was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Kincardine,* with President, Mrs. Wm. Speir, presiding at all sessions. Afternoon Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Allenby, Mrs. T. J. McKenney, and Mrs. G. MacDonald, of *Kinlough* W.M.S. Auxiliary; Evening Devotions were given by Mrs. J. Day, Mrs. G. L. Fish, and Mrs. S. Forsyth, of *Wingham* Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary. Guests were welcomed by Mrs. J. F. Marcus, President of the *Kincardine* Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary, and by Mrs. J. Norman, President of the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary. The Presbytery Moderator, the Rev. R. H. MacLeod, brought greetings.

The "In Memoriam" Service was conducted by Mrs. G. Sutherland, of *Ripley.* Music was provided by

Kincardine Intermediate Choir, accompanied by Mrs. H. Peach; and a duet was given by Mrs. Mel Ritchie and Mrs. Ian Hamilton, of *Kincardine*. An Honorary Membership was presented to Mrs. E. Zinn, by Mrs. A. Mundell, of *Belmore*. The Guest Speaker at both sessions was Mrs. Clayton Edwards, of Goderich. At the Afternoon Session she spoke on "Discipleship"; at the Evening Session her theme was "Tolerance". Mrs. F. Maulden, of *Kinlough* presented the Courtesies Report.

SARNIA PRESBYTERIAL — At the Luncheon of Sarnia Presbyterial in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Warwick,* plans were made for the Fall Rally in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Sarnia,* next October, when the 75th Anniversary of this Presbyterial, and also the 50th Anniversary of the W.M.S. will be celebrated. The 100th Anniversary of the W.M.S., which will be held in *Montreal* in 1964, was also discussed. President, Mrs. R. B. Ross presided, at the business session, when delegates were chosen for the W.M.S. Training School in *Belleville,* and the Training Camp at *Kintail*. Programmes and dates were arranged for the four Sectional Meetings.

Miss Ruby Walker spoke on "The Hope of The World", giving helpful suggestions to all Departments. Miss Walker was wished success in her new work as a Downtown Missionary, working from St. John's Presbyterian Church, in *Toronto.*

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EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL— "The Missionary Family Night" was a most interesting evening in Riverdale Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* when the McKenzie W.M.S. Auxiliary, and all the other Women's Organizations of the Church, met together and displayed their year's work — especially the splendid Supply Bales. Both C.G.I.T. and Explorer Groups were present, and, besides contributing to the Bales, each Group took an active part in the Programme. The Children of the Church also enjoyed fellowship with the older Groups, and the presence of the newly-inducted Minister, the Rev. R. B. Milroy, M.A., who gave a brief Address, made this an especially happy occasion.

At the tenth Anniversary of the Doris Hampson W.M.S. Auxiliary of Melville Presbyterian Church, *West Hill,* President, Mrs. Wm. Masson welcomed seventy-five guests, including all Past Presidents. The Service of Worship of the first meeting, ten years ago, was used, with Mrs. Douglas Martin participating, and Mr. Harvey Smith, the Guest Soloist. Mrs. E. Hunter presented a Life Membership Certificate to Mrs. Charles Clarke. The Rev. G. Johnston spoke of the work of our Church in *Nigeria.* Mrs. L. McLeod (Mrs. Doris Hampson), assisted by Mrs. Henry Morris, poured tea at the Social Hour, and the first President, Mrs. Don Booth, cut the Anniversary Cake.

KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAL — The Spring Rally of Kingston Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Stirling,* with President, Mrs. John Craig, *Belleville,* presiding, and the Theme, "Faith Without Works Is Dead". Mrs. Gordon Wallace, *Toronto,* was Guest Speaker, and emphasized that "Faith" is the mainstay of the W.M.S., from Auxiliary members to workers in Canada and Overseas.

LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL—President, Mrs. H. Westcott, of *Beaverton,* presided at the Summer Rally of this Presbyterial in St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Port Perry,* with one hundred in attendance. Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., of *India,* dressed in her sari, brought the work of the Bhil Field close to the hearts of all.

NORTH BAY PRESBYTERIAL — The "Family Night" of Hillside Presbyterian Church, *Sudbury,* included the Affiliation and Graduation Services for the C.G.I.T.; Explorers; and C.O.C. Groups. Participating in the Services, were the Special Guests, Presbyterial President Mrs. M. E. Kerr; Girls' Organization Secretary, Mrs. G. Neilson; Presbyterial members, Mrs. D. McLaren and Mrs. A. Cretzman; and Mrs. Forbes Tilley, of Toronto-Kingston Synodical. Each graduate received an Award. Group Leaders taking part were Miss M. Bainbridge, Miss S. Adams; Mrs. E. Conrad, and Miss J. Conrad.

ORANGEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — The Theme for the Annual Spring Rally of this Presbyterial, held in Cooke's Presbyterian Church, *Markdale,* was "More Than Conquerors". A flip-chart, showing milestones of the past century in the W.M.S., was presented by Mrs. Lambert. The Rev. T. R. Maxwell installed the Officers for 1963. The Rev. Geoffrey Johnston, the Guest Speaker, told of "Changing Missions in a Changing World". He said that Preachers, Teachers, Doctors, Civil Engineers, and even Architects, are needed, but they are in the background, as they train the natives to take the leadership of the Church. President, Mrs. R. D. Fraser, presided.

Mrs. T. Maxwell presided at the Children's Rally in Tweedsmuir Presbyterian Church, *Orangeville,* when some 200 attended. The *South Luther* Group portrayed the story of King David; *Grand Valley* Group had a Missionary Play, "Why Didn't They Bring The Bible Long Ago?", and the *Orangeville* Group dramatized "Sun Hee and the Street Boy". Presbyterial President, Mrs. R. D. Fraser, told a story to the children.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., on furlough from her work on the *Bhil Field, India,* where she has served since 1941, was the Guest Speaker at the combined "Family Night" Meeting of the Janet Geggie W.M.S. Afternoon Auxiliary and the Sloan Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, *Toronto.* Introduced by Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry, Miss Scott showed interesting slides of the Bhil people, and the W.M.S. work carried on in that Field, which added greatly to the value of her informative Address, and the colourful Indian sari, which she wore, was much admired. Mrs. O. J. Davies, President of Janet Geggie W.M.S. Auxiliary, and Miss Innes, Vice-President of the Sloan Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary, presided, and the Devotional Period was given by Mrs. Hugh Cowan, Janet Geggie Auxiliary, and Miss M. McIntyre, of the Sloan Auxiliary. Mrs. Mawhinney, Soprano Soloist of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, accompanied by the Church Organist, Mr. Howard Thurston, sang twice during the evening, and the Vote of Thanks was presented by Miss Muriel Duncan, of the Sloan Auxiliary. Miss May Brandon was Pianist. The Rev. Charles G. Boyd, B.A. closed the meeting with Prayer, after which a Social Hour over the teacups was enjoyed.

At the combined Thank-Offering Meeting of the three W.M.S. Auxiliaries of Wychwood Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* Mrs. Cora Andrews, President of the Goforth W.M.S. Auxiliary, presided. Thirteen W.M.S. Past Presidents and three W.A. Past Presidents received corsages, and histories of the three Groups were given. Mrs. J. M. Burnett presented an Honorary Membership to Mrs. Cora Andrews, and also paid tribute to members who had passed on. Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A., Director of Organizations, was Guest Speaker. The Meeting closed with a Worship Service, "The Passing Years", presented by members of the Young Women's Guild, accompanied by Miss Isabel Anderson, pianist, and the Soloist, Miss Barbara Corbett, of Leaside Presbyterian Church, *Toronto*—joint composers of this production.

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BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL—When the Annual Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *South Mountain,* the Theme was "Christian Witness", and President, Mrs. Carmen Brown, presided at all sessions. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. T. R. Gates, *Brockville;* Mrs. Russell Beggs, *South Mountain* welcomed delegates; Mrs. E. W. Torrence, *Brockville,* replied. Kirk Session greetings were extended by the Rev. J. Hibbs. Departmental Reports were received, and Mrs. F. Dobbie, of *Ventnor* gave the Annual Synodical Report, as a Skit. At the Afternoon Session, the Devotional Period was conducted by Mrs. Harold Graham, and Mrs. Arthur Fortune, of *Lansdowne,* introduced the Guest Speaker, Mrs. Paul Rumball, of *Montreal.* The Soloist was Mrs. J. Greene, of *Cardinal.* The Treasurer's Report was given by Mrs. C. R. Robinson, of *Winchester,* and Mrs. Dobbie told of the Annual Council Meeting in *Toronto.* Mrs. Zoe McQuaig, of *Morewood* thanked the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *South Mountain,* who served the delicious Dinner; Mrs. Wilfred McKercher of *Winchester* presented the Courtesies Report; and the Rev. J. Hibbs, Minister of *Iroquois* and *South Mountain* Presbyterian Churches pronounced the benediction.

The Joint Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary, and the Individual Responsibility Auxiliary, was held in First Presbyterian Church, *Brockville,* with many visitors in attendance. President, Mrs. Torrance, of the I.R.A. Group welcomed guests and gave the Call to Worship, and the Devotional Period was given by Mrs. Bernice Stick and Mrs. Walthausen. Miss Wendy Lee gave a piano selection, and Mrs. Lawson read an Easter poem, C.G.I.T. girls received the Offering, which was dedicated by Mrs. Isobel MacDonald. Mrs. T. R. Gates, *Brockville,* introduced the Guest Speaker, Miss Beatrice Scott, BA., of the *Bhil Field, India,* who showed coloured slides, and spoke on "Finding Christ in Educational, Medical, and Evangelical Work". Mrs. Isobel Latimer presented the Vote of Thanks, and a Social Hour followed the Meeting.

GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — The Rally of Glengarry Presbyterial was held in the Presbyterian Church, *Moose Creek*, with Mrs. Charles Falconer, of *Lancaster,* presiding at both sessions and 162 members and guests registered. Devotionals were conducted by Mrs. T. Pollock and Mrs. Bethune of *Moose Creek* and Mrs. E. L. Blair welcomed members. Mrs. Athol MacDonald reported the Synodical Meeting in *Montreal*, and Mrs. Rupert McIntyre, of *Finch,* was appointed to attend the *Belleville* W.M.S. Training School. Mrs. Hugh Wilson, of *Avonmore,* and Mrs. Smith, of *Ottawa* told of the Annual Council Meeting in *Toronto.* The Historian, Mrs. Robertson Millar, gave an interesting history of this Presbyterial, and the morning session was closed with prayer by Mrs. Falconer. Afternoon Devotional was conducted by Mrs. Frank Stewart and Mrs. Wallace Murray, both of *Ingleside.*

The Rev. A. Williamson, of *Finch,* brought Presbytery greetings, and an interesting Candle-Lighting Ceremony, conducted by Mrs. Falconer, followed, in which members of the eight Auxiliaries present took part. At dinner, a beautifully decorated cake marked the eighty years of service of this Presbyterial, and the highlight of the Afternoon was the Address given by Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., on furlough from the *Bhil Field, India,* who spoke on "We are Ambassadors for Him". A Memorial Service was conducted by Mrs. H. Wilson of *Avonmore*. Mrs. J. Smith, of *Ottawa,* brought Synodical Greetings. Mrs. Iver McIver presented a corsage to the President, who is leaving the Presbyterial, and who will be succeeded by Mrs. J. McCleverty, of *Ingleside*.

Mrs. Falconer, on behalf of the Presbyterial, presented to Mrs. Robertson Millar, a gift marking the sincere regret of Glengarry Presbyterial that the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Robertson Millar are now leaving this Presbyterial, and Miss Flora Nugent read an address of appreciation to Mrs. Robertson Millar, for her long years of loyal service, and her splendid work as Historian, and said they would both be greatly missed in Glengarry Presbyterial. The ladies of *Moose Creek* served lunch and tea in the Community Hall. Mrs. W. S. McLean of *Maxville* gave the Closing Message, and the Rev. T. Pollock pronounced the benediction.

LANARK AND RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL — The Executive Meeting of this Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Carleton Place* with President, Mrs. John Jack, *Forrester's Falls,* presiding. Morning Devotions were conducted by Mrs. G. T. Styles, *Smith's Falls;* Afternoon Devotions by Mrs. Hugh Cochrane, *Arnprior*. Following the reception of Reports, a News Letter from *Winnipeg* Fellowship House was read, by Mrs. Gordon Bowes, *Forrester's Falls*, and Miss Olive Dowdell was named as delegate to attend the *Belleville* W.M.S. Training School. The three delegates to Annual Synodical Meeting in Montreal—Miss Dorothy Dodds, *Perth;* Mrs. Kenneth Fraser, *Arnprior;* Mrs. Hugh Cochrane, *Arnprior* — gave highlights of the Meetings. Miss Dorothy Dodds, Chairman of the Programme Committee, announced three Social Evenings soon to be held in the Presbyterial—in *Pembroke, Renfrew,* and *Perth,* in preparation for the Anniversaries' Celebration in *Montreal,* in 1964. Miss Mabel White, of *Elphin,* on behalf of the Presbyterial, thanked the ladies of St. Andrew's Church for their welcome and hospitality.

QUEBEC PRESBYTERIAL—This Presbyterial Rally was held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Scotstown, Quebec*, with President, Mrs. H. Mayhew, in the Chair, and the theme was "Christian Stewardship". Members attended from *Asbestos; L'Eglise de Cantons de l'Est; Upper Melbourne; Inverness; Quebec; Milan; Scotstown;* and *Sherbrooke*. Mrs. D. P. Murray was Organist, and Misses Carol Murray and Jean Gordon sang a duet. Morning Devotions were conducted by the *Sherbrooke* W.M.S. Afternoon Auxiliary; Afternoon Devotions, by members of *L'Eglise de Cantons de l'Est* Melbourne. Mrs. R. Sanford, *Scotstown,* welcomed delegates and Mrs. R. Wingeat, of *Sherbrooke* W.M.S. Evening Auxiliary, responded.

Greetings from Quebec Presbytery were brought by the Rev. R. Sanford, and by Mrs. H. Mouland, from Montreal and Ottawa Synodical, due to the illness of President, Mrs. W. Stanford Reid. Synodical President, Mrs. George McDonald, *Milan,* conducted the "In Memoriam" Service.

Mrs. W. Laurison conducted the Skit on "Work at the Winnipeg Fellowship House"; a Panel Discussion, led by Mrs. H. Mayhew reported the Annual Synodical Meeting, in Montreal; Mrs. Phillip Boy, told of the Annual Council Meetings in *Toronto;* and Mrs. H. Mouland, Chairman of the Anniversaries' Committee spoke of plans for the Celebrations in 1964. Mrs. P. W. Murray, *Kars, Ontario,* Young Women's Promotion Secretary, outlined the work of her office, and Mrs. W. G. MacLeod had charge of the Question Box. Regional Secretary, Miss Lois Powrie, told of the new Presbyterian Camp at *Gracefield, Quebec,* to be opened in June.

The Guest Speaker, Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., was introduced by Mrs. A. Murray, and gave a graphic description of W.M.S. work on the *Bhil Field, India,* where she has served for many years, stressing the changes in the lives of those under the influence of Christian teaching. *Inverness* W.M.S. Auxiliary presented the Courtesies Report, with special thanks to Miss Scott, and it was announced that the September Synodical Meeting will be held in *Sherbrooke.* Dinner and Tea were served by the *Scotstown* W.M.S. Auxiliaries.

The W.M.S. Evening Affiliated W.M.S. Group of L'Eglise des Cantons de l'Est, *Melbourne,* presented their first Life Membership, to Mrs. J. A. Smith, at a Farewell Party given for Mrs. Smith, who is now leaving *Melbourne.* On behalf of the Auxiliary, Mrs. G. O. Malboeuf presented the Pin, and Mrs. Gerald Fortier presented the Life Membership Certificate. Mrs. R. Larochelle presented to Mrs. Smith a corsage of yellow jonquils, and a basket of spring flowers, as a tribute to her devoted work in the Sunday School, and as Leader of the now-disbanded C.G.I.T. Group, and voiced the deep regret of the W.M.S. Group in losing such a loyal and faithful member. A Sing-Song, followed by Buffet Luncheon, served by Auxiliary members brought the Party to a close.

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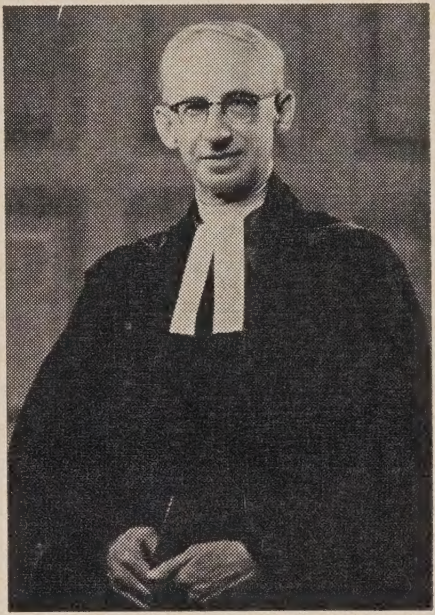

Dr. A. H. Johnston

The Festival of Harvest Thanksgiving draws near, and once again our thoughts are summoned to dwell upon our duty of thanks and praise to our Heavenly Father, Who hath crowned the year with His goodness, and bestowed upon His children the kindly fruits of the earth.

Even a casual glance at the Old or New Testaments brings to our eye some injunction, often couched in terse and trenchant language, to "praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men." Everywhere throughout the Scriptures, men are dazed and staggered by the enormous liberality of God, and that towards everyone. Paul, who had his own fair share of life's hard knocks, is simply bewildered by the glorious inheritance that falls to man through God's grace. Thus, on nearly every page of each letter he writes, he cannot help but burst out in some paeon of thanksgiving to God, and calls upon his readers to do likewise. Our Lord, Himself, as the Gospel writers are careful to emphasize, lived and moved in a spirit of constant thankfulness to his Heavenly Father, and that, not only for great and extraordinary blessings, but just as much for common gifts, such as our daily bread. Thanksgiving, very clearly, and very definitely, is thus a Scriptural and Christian duty; or better, a grace which should colour and permeate the Christian's every thought and deed.

How is it, then, that most Christian people have to be continually reminded of this plain and simple duty? To the onlooker, it would appear that gratitude to God should be as natural and instinctive to the Christian as breathing. He should fervently echo the words of Epictetus, when he wrote — "What else can I do, a lame old man, than sing hymns to God? If I were a nightingale, I would play the part of a nightingale. But I am a rational creature, and I *ought* to praise God". No doubt, if we Christians were as Christ-centred as we ought to be, we would be more constantly grateful to God than we are. The trouble with most of us is that we take so much for granted — casually and carelessly accepting that which is a wonder, and a wistfulness to those who do not possess it.

Towards God, it would seem that ours is the gracelessness of children, who have grown so accustomed to God's steady, dependable, unvarying kindness, that we scarcely notice it, but accept it as a matter of course, and think no more about it. Children grow up in their parents' house, where everything is done for them. The father toils while they are at school or playing, that they may lack no real necessity; the mother works for them, hours after they are fast asleep — yet many children never think of this as demanding any gratitude on their part. For them, it is simply the way of life, that children have parents to look after them, and they leave it at that. In much the same fashion, the miracle of God's faithful and persistent love, as it is manifested in His material and spiritual gifts to us, is so dulled by familiarity that we scarcely notice them. With Heine, we might say, "That is His job; what God is for!"

Nevertheless, this also is true. However often we may forget God's goodness and mercy amidst the crowded traffic of our common days; however much we may take for granted His choicest gifts; when we do come to ourselves, when even for a moment we stop and think, then we are "lost in wonder, love and praise." In that moment of thought, we see with clearer vision the watchfulness of God beside us all our days, caring and providing for our many needs; guarding and guiding us in every danger and difficulty; surrounding our journey with His grace and loving-kindness; spending Himself, with unwearying patience, so selflessly on our behalf. Then, indeed, the heart is moved to its depths into a genuine gratitude for life's most common blessings, and echoes the poet Christopher Wordsworth as he sings —

"For peaceful homes and healthful days,
For all the blessings earth displays,
We owe Thee thankfulness and praise
Who givest all!"

Yet, even though we remember the persistent exhortation of the Psalmist to "praise ye the Lord"; listen to Paul's strident tones of "thanks be to God"; bow before our Lord's gracious but commanding example; nevertheless, we often place a stress, too inclusive and too conclusive, upon this duty of thanksgiving. Too often, a Thanksgiving Day, or a summons to thanksgiving, tends to make thankfulness a duty done, an end in itself, an arrived-at goal. Rather, this should be a basic Christian grace, undergirding and determining the whole life of the true follower of Christ. Surely any Christian who knows that his life is not his own, but has been bought at a great price, does not need to be called to gratitude to God! Such a person could not help but be thankful every day and in every way.

Thankfulness, however sincere, is never enough; is never an end in itself. At best, it is only a beginning. When a Canadian family, in an expression of its gratitude, attends a Thanksgiving Service, says grace at every meal, and offers a casual thank-you to God, in Church and home, for its many blessings, this may appear virtuous and exemplary. But when that same family, without a thought of a hungry world, throws into the garbage can enough to feed a family in Asia or Africa for weeks, summoning such a group to thanksgiving is surely not enough. By many cynics it could be interpreted as mockery. A large, and, I believe, an increasing number of Canadians, both in and out of the Church, are convinced that what we need in Canada, is not only more thankfulness for the lavish blessings that are ours, but a greater sense of stewardship; a greater willingness to share, even though it could mean a lower standard of living for themselves; a greater awareness that we are wealthy beyond the dreams of millions in the world; a stronger realization that we, as one of the few "have" nations of the world, are burdened with a responsibility toward the multitude of God's children in the "have not" lands, who live in constant poverty and hunger.

How genuinely thankful is a Nation, whose generous gesture is an attenuated Colombo plan to help less fortunate countries? How genuinely thankful is one of the richest peoples in the world, whose Foreign Aid stands next to the bottom of all the "have" nations in the West, and, during 1962, amidst increasing world needs, reduced its giving by over thirty-eight million dollars? How genuinely thankful is a Nation that willingly spends millions on nuclear war-heads and other weapons of mass destruction, yet spends a very petty part of its gross national product to minister to the hunger and homelessness of millions throughout the world? For every thoughtful Canadian, Thanksgiving Day in 1963 should be a time, not only of thanksgiving, but of a realistic and critical examination of our responsibilities toward those less fortunate peoples beyond our borders.

Moreover, a lurking and persistent thought questions how truly pleased and satisfied God may be with our reiterated words of thanks. God is our Heavenly Father; we are His children. Can we not, in some degree, discover the mind of the Creator from that of the creature? As parents, we would neither wish nor desire our children to be constantly thanking us for what we do for them. To work for them, to help them, to provide for them, even to sacrifice for them, is our pleasure and our joy. We do not seek, or expect, their thanks. All that we ask of them is that they grow up into Christ's men and women; that they "live pure, speak true, follow the King", giving of themselves to build a better world, and living their lives in Christ's royal way.

Likewise, it may well be that our Heavenly Father's principal desire for us, His children, is not just words of thanks, piled on a pyramid, however grand and majestic, but rather to prove our thanks by the use of His many bounties, as we endeavour to be truly unselfish and charitable, kindly and generous; and to create, as our tribute of thanks to Him, a door into a more abundant Christian life for ourselves, and a happier and better world for our neighbours. Presbyterians need not be reminded, surely, that "man's chief end is (not to thank God) but to glorify God" in and with our lives.

So, as another Thanksgiving Day comes and goes, let us discover its real treasures — a generous thanks, and a generous giving. Let us ensure that the simple and lovely grace of gratitude enriches and blesses the life and the work of our common days. Even more, let us hearken to the clarion call to the privilege of sharing our bounties with others less fortunate, without which our thanks are but empty words. Indeed, if each family were to set up its own "Colombo Plan", thinking of waste and the misuse of God's gifts as the real sins they are; giving up some of the many luxuries of our Canadian living, and using what thus was gained to minister to the hunger and need of even one family of the millions of homeless refugees in the world, this would make for us the happiest and most blessed Thanksgiving we ever had.

Bells of rejoicing and gladness would ring out amid the angels in Heaven; a shining star of hope would rise in the dark night of the homeless and impoverished; and we would know in our hearts the joy "which passeth all understanding". This is the rare and rich Thanksgiving which God enables only a few of His people in the world to offer. In His mercy, we in Canada, are some of those people. How fortunate we are! May each one of us, in sincerity and in truth, ask God in the words of the ancient prayer of Thanksgiving for Harvest — "to grant us grace to receive them, (the kindly fruits of the earth) thankfully, and to use them carefully, for our comfort, for the relief of those that are needy, and for the glory of Thy Name."

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

by DWIGHT L. MOODY

"If you would spend a month feeding on the precious promises of God, you wouldn't be going about complaining how poor you are. You would lift up your head and proclaim the riches of His Grace, because you couldn't help doing it.

Take up Hope, and Faith and Grace, and feed on them. The Bible will become a new Treasury to you. Study one Bible Book at a time. For instance, Genesis is the seed-plot of the whole Bible. It tells us of life, death and resurrection; it involves all the rest of the Bible.

Or study a single word that runs through a Book. I was wonderfully blessed by studying the seven "blessings" of Revelation. If you take up the "overcomes" of Revelation, you will find them a fruitful subject . . . you climb by them to the throne of God. Then there is the word "know", for example. Some people tell us that what we believe doesn't make any difference. John says, "Hereby we **know** that we are of the truth"; then, "We **know** that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren." There's assurance for you! Fruits of the Christian faith are not jealousy, envy, hatred and malice; the true Christian is full of "love, joy, peace, long-suffering gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." These are the fruits I shall bear if I have Christ in me. That fifth chapter of Galatians will soon tell us if we have the right kind of fruit. Make the tree right, and you will soon have the right fruit!

I have also been greatly blessed by studying the "believings" of John. He wrote his Gospel that we might believe; all through it is "believe, believe, believe." If you want to persuade a man that Christ is the Son of God, John is the Gospel for him.

I have carried my Bible with me a good many years. It is worth more to me than any other Bible, because I have marked so many passages in it. If I am called upon to speak at any time, I am ready. I have those little words in the margin, and they are sermons to me. Whether I speak about faith, hope, charity, assurance, or any subject whatever, it all comes back to me. Every child of God ought to be like a soldier, and hold himself always in readiness; but we can't be ready without the Bible, the Sword of the Spirit. So whenever you hear a good thing there, put it down. If it's good for you, it will be good for somebody else, and we should pass the coin of heaven around just as we do other coins.

Study the Bible carefully and prayerfully; by becoming well acquainted with the great truths God's Word contains you will have much less to fear from the world." *(Dr. Moody died in 1899.)* (Adapted)

PRAYER

by MISS LILLIAN REAY

Deaconess, St. Matthew's Christian Education Centre, Vancouver, B.C.

Oh, Thou Who art King of Kings and Lord of Lords, praised and exalted above all forever, Who rulest in majesty and power over the world and all the nations; grant us mercy, we beseech Thee, that Thy light may be shed upon our hearts that they may be illumined. Oh, Thou Who art lifted up above the praises of Thy people, quicken our lips to song, that all our music may be to Thy glory. Teach us to sing forth Thy praises as did the Psalmist; to rejoice in Thy marvellous handiwork, and in all Thy goodness to the children of men. Oh, our Father, grant that we might learn to rejoice as the prophets of old, who looked forward to the coming of the Saviour; and as the shepherds rejoiced on that lonely hillside so long ago, as they saw the star, and heard the heavenly choirs proclaim the "glad tidings" and sing their glorious "hallelujahs".

Forgive us, Oh Lord, that our prayers are so feeble and faltering, so broken and shattered. Grant us the wisdom of that deeper silence, where words lie within us, and hear Thou the groanings which cannot be uttered. Oh, Thou Who knowest us; knowest our dimness and emptiness; our frailty and loneliness, and all the inward secrets of the heart; grant us openness of heart and mind, that we may hear Thy Word addressed to us, and perceive what it is Thou art saying, and grant that our hearts might be receptive, as Thou dost call us to responsibility and to service.

Gracious Heavenly Father, Thou in whom we live and move and have our being, teach us to know the fear of Thee, to be more aware of Thy holiness, and to stand in great awe before Thee. Thou hast scattered the proud in the imagination of their minds; Thou dost put down the mighty from their thrones, and dost exalt those that are of low degree. Teach us what it is to walk before Thee in humility; remembering that all that we have is Thine, and we are Thine, and Thou hast entrusted us with the task of making Thy love known around the world. May we learn to walk before one another in humility, preferring others before ourselves, and wilt Thou help us in all our relationships to be kind, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven us. Amen.

A GOLDEN JUBILEE IN AMKHUT

by MISS MARY SHERRICK, B.A., B.Ed.
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Early in 1964, we are to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Amkhut School. In 1914, the building, which was to serve as Church, and School, was completed — the first Church building in our section of the Bhil country. This is not to say that the School began then. Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan began teaching people to read and write almost as soon as they arrived in Amkhut in 1898. Classes were taught on the verandah of the bungalow through the years. Later, about 1912, Miss Robson arrived to help with the educational programme. More classes were organized, and the programme expanded, even on the bungalow verandah, but it was a great day, and a great step forward, when the new building was ready for use.

Since that time, the School has grown and progressed. In the beginning, the building consisted of a hall, used for Church Services and School Assembly. On three sides of this hall, there were wide verandahs, and, on the fourth side, four rooms and a narrow verandah, which served as living quarters for Miss Robson until the W.M.S. bungalow was completed about 1922. This left the rooms free for School use. During these years, classes were held on the wide verandahs and taught by Miss Robson, with the help of young Bhil men and women, plus several young women from outside the Bhil country, who had come to Amkhut to marry Bhil men. Miss Robson taught these pupil-teachers in the afternoons, helping them to prepare the lessons that were to be taught the next morning. Later, as the School grew and the work progressed, they employed several qualified teachers from outside. By the time Miss Robson had to leave the work, there was a School of about 100 students, studying up to the end of the Sixth Class.

The School continued to grow, and our own young Bhil men and women, who had been sent out for training, began to come back to take places on the teaching staff. About 1940, the building was remodelled so as to take part of one verandah into the hall, and so increase the capacity of the Church. This remodelling took some space that had been available for classes, but it improved the situation so far as *classrooms* were concerned. Within the next several years, however, we had to add more classrooms — first three, and later two more, behind the original building. Now we are building again, on the slope below the Church — four classrooms, a Science room, and a room to be used as a Library and Staff Room. We hope this additional accommodation will be ready in time to open when we celebrate our Jubilee.

In 1950, we started teaching Class Seven, and in 1951, Class Eight, so our students now complete the work of the Middle School, which is roughly equivalent to Junior High School. We now have an enrollment of 250-275, and a Staff of about 16. About 180 students live in our Hostels, while the rest come as day pupils. Now, all our teachers, both men and women, are products of our School. They have had High School and Teacher Training elsewhere, and come back to the Bhil country to serve their own people. They are typical of the many who have gone out from our School throughout the years. Now, most of those serving in Church and Mission in our area are graduates of Amkhut School.

In addition to these, we have many graduates serving in other Schools and Hospitals—both Mission and Government — as well as in other capacities. We have one young man who is now a Professor at Allahabad Agricultural Institute. Recent visitors to Amkhut School wrote — "There is a gentleness and sweetness, that leaves a marked impression on the casual observer, in the faces of teachers, nurses, evangelists, and others, who have come through Amkhut School, and represent the educated part of the Bhil Church. The quality of work, as evidenced by its product — the Bhil Christians — is outstanding and marked. A truly great work has been done in this respect."

Now, what of the future? These are changing days in India, as in the rest of the world, and we must change too. The Government is steadily pressing forward with their educational programme, and it may very well be that the days of private Schools are numbered. Apart from this, we sometimes feel that our boys and girls who are candidates for higher education should get out into the wider world after Class Six, rather than after Class Eight. It may be that in future our educational contribution will be more through Hostels than through Schools — Hostels, where we will provide a Christian home life, and Christian nurture and education for boys and girls attending Government Schools. We should, perhaps, also provide Hostels for Christian young people working away from home.

Such Hostels, especially those for students attending Government Schools, should provide a valuable training for the transition from the relatively sheltered life within the Christian community — home, School and Hostel — to live and work in the community at large, where Christians find themselves so few, among so many. We are now well past the days when all our educated young people found work in Church and Mission. This is as it should be, and we are glad, but we need to do more about preparing and helping our young people to find their places in the wider community; to live a Christian life and give a Christian witness there; and to make a real Christian contribution to the life of their country.

As we approach our Jubilee, our hearts are full of praise and thanksgiving for all that God has done, in, and through, and for, our School, in the days that are gone. We press on in faith and hope, trusting that He will continue to use Amkhut School, and our whole educational programme, to produce young men and women whose whole walk and conversation will be such that others may see their good works, and come to glorify Him, our Father in Heaven.

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Your Prayers are asked

—For all who participate in services of Thanksgiving across this land, that in so doing they may realize anew the wonder of God's love.

—For all our fellow-Christians around the world, that, as we give thanks for this fellowship, all may be strengthened in the faith, and enabled to be more effective in their witness.

—For our National Missionaries at this Thanksgiving season, praying that the lives blessed and strengthened by their witness may result in renewal of interest and enthusiasm in the great Missionary challenge, to which we are all committed.

—For our Missionary, Miss Emily Drysdale (a recent graduate) who began her duties this past summer as Presbytery Deaconess in Red Deer. May our daily prayers uphold her in her every effort to extend Christ's kingdom.

—For all workers who carry responsibility in our Overseas work, that they may be given divine foresight in dealing with problems concerning their work — especially for the leaders of the Younger Churches, in Formosa, India, the Korean Church in Japan, British Guiana, and Nigeria.

—For the leaders of all the nations of this world, that they may find guidance in their own lives and in the grave issues which confront them, and that they may earnestly seek, in all they do, to bring about that true world-brotherhood of every race and creed, which alone, through God, can bring peace to this troubled earth.

Anniversary Corner

"MEMORIES OF THE PAST"

by JEAN STEWART, B.A.

In this Anniversary Corner over the past few months, several biographies of the pioneer women of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., have appeared, and some personal reminiscences of families, friends, and older members, who recall some of the highlights of the early days of the Society's life and work.

The founding of the Women's Home Missionary Society in 1903, growing out of the Atlin Nurses' Committee, set up in 1898-99, comes just within the memory of some of our older members of today. Such an "eye-witness" report comes to us from Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, the daughter of the first President of the W.H.M.S., Mrs. R. S. Smellie of Toronto.

Mrs. McMurrich, following in her mother's footsteps, has been another leader of the Society. Many members of the W.M.S. staff remember Mrs. McMurrich, with gratitude, as a kindly friend and adviser, for from 1925 until she became President of the Society in 1939 she was Secretary for India. During her years as President, (1939-44), all the staff came to know and love her, especially those in the office who benefitted from working closely with her, and from her ever kindly consideration. Following her years as President, until the time of her retirement from Council Executive, Mrs. McMurrich was Candidates Secretary, and only those candidates who experienced meeting and talking with her as they considered their life work can fully appreciate the depths of her Christian faith, and her love and concern for others. Now officially "retired", she has re-created for us the days when her mother, and other women in Toronto and across the country, worked to establish the fledgling Home Missionary Society, to meet the expanding missionary needs in the Canadian North-West.

Mrs. McMurrich writes: "At the time of the Gold Rush to the Yukon in 1898, the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada appointed a Special Committee to look into the increasing needs of the Canadian North-West. My mother, Mrs. R. S. Smellie, had been greatly influenced in taking an active interest in this work by her sister-in-law, Mrs. D. J. Macdonnell, and Mrs. James Maclennan of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, and had become a member, then later Convener of this Atlin Committee. Mrs. Smellie was one of the first women ever asked to speak at the General Assembly of the Church, and to present on behalf of the women of our Church their willingness to assist in the Home Mission work in a practical way, such as providing a graduate Nurse to go out to the Yukon at the request of Dr. Andrew S. Grant and Dr. E. D. MacLaren, who were already planning to begin the work of hospitalization — in tents at first — as part of a Christian service.

It was in 1900 that these interested women began to feel that the work in Canada among the Indians, the increasing number of immigrants coming to our land, and the growing need for hospitals and residential schools, merited a separate organization, which might make an appeal to a great number who were not already interested in mission work. At first this idea met with some opposition, but there were many who felt that real advance could not be made without it. The sanction of the General Assembly was obtained and the Women's Home Missionary Society was organized in 1903, with Mrs. R. S. Smellie as its first President.

Gradually, it was organized in all the Provinces of the Western Division. A travelling secretary, Miss Matilda Robinson, was engaged for promotion work. The first Hospital Secretary was Mrs. H. M. Kipp. Mrs. Smellie's eldest daughter (then nineteen) was known at home as the 'baby Board member' and a sort of aide-de-camp to her mother. At the meetings she had all the odd jobs to do: to write the minutes, if the Secretary was ill or away; to play the piano for the opening hymn; to notify the caretaker if more heat was needed; to open windows or pull down blinds; to make telephone calls and deliver messages — in short, to be generally useful.

The growth of the Women's Home Missionary Society was steady; each succeeding year showed increase in the membership and substance, proving that more work in Canada interested many women who had not shown a particular interest in 'foreign missions'. In succeeding years, these two Societies in the Western Division of the Church and the Women's Missionary Society, Montreal, united as the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, with both National and Overseas work under committees of the Council Executive, and appointed members serving on the General Board of Missions and other Committees of our Church's work, and the President reporting to the General Assembly."

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COURAGE

"Courage is enduring for just one minute longer,
Courage is just holding on though others may be stronger.
Courage is a grappling hand when dreams we've had are fading,
Courage is a keeping on enheartening and persuading."

(Ruth Winant Wheeler)

ST. MATTHEW'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CENTRE

by MISS LILLIAN REAY

Deaconess at St. Matthew's Centre, Vancouver

St. Matthew's Christian Education Centre is situated in South Vancouver —right in the middle of a Veteran's housing project. Since the erection in 1956, it has reached out to the surrounding community as a witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Because this middle-class neighbourhood is made up, for the most part, of young and middle-aged couples with growing families, there has been a great need for children's work. A day-kindergarten was carried on in St. Matthew's from the beginning until 1960, when the Vancouver School Board provided for Kindergarten in the public schools. There was therefore no longer the need or opportunity for this type of endeavour at St. Matthew's. There was still, however, the need for outreach, and it was at this particular time it became my privilege to be associated with this work.

There had, of course, been a thriving Sunday School at St. Matthew's, almost from the beginning, and the various Church mid-week groups, including C.O.C., Explorers, C.G.I.T., and also Boy Scouts and Cubs. But, no longer having the day-kindergarten as an avenue of outreach, it seemed advisable to seek out other ways whereby St. Matthew's might better serve the community. It was during the following winter that a Young People's Fellowship was organized. There is a great potential here for Children's and Youth work, and under the leadership of a very able Counseller this group has been developing and becoming more stable. It is a well-known fact that teen-agers today are faced not only with more problems, but more difficult problems, than was the case a generation or two ago. Social pressure, the need to conform, confusion and bewilderment about the ultimates in life and no seeming sense of direction, characterize many of our teen-agers today, with the result that they are bored and restless — but still "searching" for what? — they know not. Is this not, therefore, the responsibility of the Church of Jesus Christ to be "anchored to the Rock but geared to the times," and constantly to keep revising her methods of outreach, so that teen-agers, who are literally sending out an S.O.S., can in some way be helped. This poses a great task at St. Matthew's, as it does in many other areas; but if we who are involved are wise enough to recognize the changes which take place, the new needs that develop, and are always aware of the task to which we, as the church, are committed, and the Power which enables us to go forward in His Name, then we can hope that at least some of these young lives will be influenced in a lasting way, as we leave the future in the Hands of God.

Early last winter, as I would return to St. Matthew's in the late afternoon from having made calls in the neighbourhood, I became aware that, day after day, I was being followed by an increasing number of children. One of the mothers down the street said I looked like the "Pied Piper!" I soon discovered that these children greatly appreciated being able to come into the Church for "just a little while". So gradually, an informal period has developed — between approximately four-thirty or five to six o'clock. During this period, I try to do work like "sorting out papers" or getting certain kinds of material lined up for a project, and odd bits of typing—the kind of activity that enables me to keep busy, and yet keep an eye on the children around me. The location for all this activity is the large, sunny Kindergarten room, and while this activity is not an "organized" programme, I prefer to call it free creative activity — yet I find it helps me to get to know the children as individuals. So often in an organized group, we do not have this kind of opportunity. So often a child can lose his identity in the group. This again, I feel, is characteristic of our modern society. We find it increasingly hard to find time, or opportunity, to get to know people as individuals; they are part of a group — we know them in relation to the organization. We know this to be a hazard on the adult level of organization, and certainly we should be aware of this danger in our children's organizations.

Organizations are surely a means to an end. They provide avenues of outreach and facilitate many worth-while endeavours. But the very "tool" can become a "weapon" if through the organization we lose sight of the individual. When we stop to reflect on how sacred and precious every individual is to God, does it not therefore behoove us to be alert to opportunities whereby the individual might be reached and helped and known? So often, children reveal secret anxieties and difficulties in private conversation in a relaxed atmosphere, like little Nancy, who was standing by the desk where I was working. She had been drawing pictures on the blackboard of members of her family, and her friends, and she told me that she didn't like to think of growing up, because then her mother would be getting old, and she might die, and so forth. Through further conversation I sensed Nancy's fear of the unknown, so, trying to help her I picked up the chalk and drew a large circle on the blackboard, with several little stick-people inside the circle. The circle was intended to represent the Love of God and the fact that His love does surround us, no matter what may happen in the future. I felt that this simple illustration was a means of helping Nancy to grasp something of the unchangeable quality of the love of God. It has been my experience that opportunities like this seldom confront one through group activities. We become so busy with the projects at hand, and "getting things done", that the atmosphere hardly seems "right" for individual problems to be expressed. Of course, getting to know these children and young people as individuals is of great benefit in working with them on the group level.

I am becoming convinced more and more that *being* to people is of far greater value than *doing* for them. Certainly we cannot expect to help anyone effectively except in terms of a relationship, so therefore one cannot emphasize enough the importance of the individual, and getting to know him and his problems — time consuming as that may be. This should especially be a concern in our present society, when the trend is towards "togetherness", "being part of the crowd" etc. So many children, as well as adults, have difficulties and problems of many sorts that will only come to light as we try to provide the right atmosphere, and take the time and trouble to get to know them as individuals.

St. Matthew's also has two Girls' Choirs; a Junior and a Teen Choir. These girls not only benefit from the training they receive under competent leadership, they also make a worth-while contribution to the Service of Worship which is held Sunday mornings at nine-thirty, and at present is being conducted by the Rev. Edward Bragg of Central Church. A Women's Guild is the only Adult Organization, being made up, for the most part, of mothers of some of our children, and other ladies in the congregation.

Anyone who is acquainted with the St. Matthew's area will understand something of the outreach potential. Like work in almost any area, it has its discouraging times, but it also has its high moments of reward. When those of us who have been, and are, associated with the work at St. Matthew's, try to speculate on the future, we sometimes "wonder"; but then we remember what frail creatures of dust we are, and how imperfect our reasoning, and all we can do then is to put our hand firmly into the Hand of God, and walk with confidence into the unknown.

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HOW?

"Your task? To build a better world!"
God said, I answered—"How?
This world is such a large, vast place,
So complicated now,
And I so small and useless am
There's nothing *I* can do!"
But God, in His great wisdom said
First—build a better *You!*"

(Selected)

In Remembrance

NAME	CHURCH	PRESBYTERIAL
Mrs. Isabelle Hilligas	First, Collingwood	Barrie
Mrs. J. M. Wallace	Knox, Midland	Barrie
Mrs. Wm. Norman	St. Andrew's, Maple Valley	Barrie
Mrs. Edward Taylor	St. Andrew's, Maple Valley	Barrie
Mrs. Wm. Stewart	St. Andrew's, Maple Valley	Barrie
Miss Jean Gibson	St. Andrew's, Maple Valley	Barrie
Miss Annie McDonald	St. Andrew's, Maple Valley	Barrie
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WITH CLEARER SIGHT!

When with bowed head
And silent-streaming tears,
With mingled hopes and fears,
To earth we yield our dead;
The saints, with clearer sight,
Do cry in glad accord,
"A soul released from prison
Is risen, is risen,
Is risen to the glory of the Lord."

—John Oxenham

A DAY OF RECOGNITION

by MISS MARY E. WHALE, B.A.
Executive Director of Overseas Missions

It was a small group that gathered in the "C.P." Church in Jhansi on Friday, November 26th, 1962. This Church, whose original name was "Canadian Presbyterian" Church, was host to those who had been called together to recognize before God, the fact that the evangelistic work of the Jhansi area within the United Church of Northern India was now formally under the direction of the newly formed Bundelkhand Church Council (Presbytery). The size of the group was not an indication of the importance or significance of the meeting. This was the kind of gathering that Dr. John Wilkie may have forseen decades ago, when he chose the highly nationalistic city of Jhansi as a centre from which to preach the Christian Gospel. This day, almost sixty years after Dr. Wilkie established the "Gwalior Mission," was set aside to give thanks to God, and to pray for the newly-formed court as it assumed new responsibilities.

Dr. Wilkie undoubtedly hoped that, when the courts of the Church developed from the Mission, there would be a number of congregations, that they would be filled with men and women young and old with children being trained in the knowledge of God's love as revealed by Jesus Christ. This thought was in our minds, as the history of the growth of the Christian community was related by Rev. Angus MacKay. The battle for the Cause of Christ in the Jhansi area has been a vigorous one. All kinds of temptations have assailed the small congregations. Problems came from outside the Christian community and against it, brought on by a vigorous Hindi-Nationalist community within which the Bundelkhand Church Council is set. Problems came from within the Christian groups, as they struggled to find the true meaning of God's calling to Christians. But on this day in an attractive Church building, built by Dr. Wilkie, all thoughts were of praise to God for what had been accomplished, despite the many difficulties and discouragements; and prayer for the future that the Bundelkhand Church Council would be a tool used of God to proclaim His Truth throughout the community.

The Recognition and Thanksgiving Service lasted the day: — the story of the evangelistic work carried on as a result of Dr. Wilkie's mission; the establishment of congregations and mission charges; the building of the Helen MacDonald Higher Secondary School for girls; the plans for boys' education, particularly for vocational training; the Bible School for the training of the Ministry; all were told, and the telling brought forth memories of faithful servants whom God used for His glory.

The second session in the day found us thinking of the present:—of the Church Council and its task of witnessing in the Jhansi community, and of extending the witness throughout an area where, even yet, the Gospel message has not been preached. We thought of and prayed for the relationships of the Church Council within the courts of the United Church of Northern India, and with its neighbouring Christian churches whose representatives were sharing this special day.

Of the institutions which Dr. Wilkie established, the Girls' School remains. It has grown to match the early vision for its usefulness until now it is to be upgraded to better serve Christian girls from a wide area in northern India. The Boys' School, established as a vocational school for boys, has become an elementary school operated by the "C.P." church. Seminaries and larger Bible Schools throughout India have taken the place of local training for the Leaders of the congregations, as the Church has grown and had need for better qualified leadership. The Canadian compound has opened its gates to special missions; one a radio ministry, one preparing Christian literature. These are sympathetic friendly groups working in cooperation with the work of the Church Council.

Greetings were expressed by a number of guests from outside the Bundelkhand Church Council. Miss Margaret Kennedy, Secretary of the Bhil Mission Council, expressed the good wishes and the prayers of the sister mission group and of the Vindya-Satpura Church Council. She spoke particularly of the need for the Church courts to be mindful that Christ also called women into His fellowship and that they, with the men, make the Church whole. It was my privilege to express your greetings and those of the Canadian Presbyterian Church.

Finally we looked to the future; we allowed ourselves to take our turn to dream dreams. This day in which we recognized the change from mission to Church in administrative emphasis, must be a day to mark with thanksgiving. But it must also be a day of re-dedication for all of us, that we would give our gifts of mind and body to be used of God for the building of His Son's Church in India. We prayed that the Christian message of redemption, of salvation, of peace and love, would be proclaimed by an ever increasing number of those belonging to the Bundelkhand Church Council, and by all who shared Christian discipleship in that community.

At the close of the day, as we worshipped together, we could think that while Dr. Wilkie's dream of long ago may not have materialized exactly as he envisaged, yet it had come true in reality. For God has allowed His servants to work in Jhansi, and His message has been proclaimed. The Bundelkhand Church Council and the Helen MacDonald School are witnesses to this fact.

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Hear This Dedicated Christian Surgeon!

Dr. Paul W. Brand, who is one of the most outstanding neuro-surgeons in the world, and is Professor of Orthopoedic Surgery in the Christian Medical College of Vellore, as well as Director of Orthopaedic Work for the Mission for Lepers, will be visiting Canada this Fall. The following series of Meetings is being arranged for him: Montreal — November 1 to 4; Toronto — November 5-6; Winnipeg — November 7-8; Saskatoon— November 9-10; Edmonton — 11-12; Vancouver — November 13-15. To hear this gifted young surgeon, of world renown, will be a rare privilege, as he is reputedly one of the best Missionary Speakers of the present day. Watch your local newspapers for time and place.

Dr. Brand took over his present post in Vellore, India, in 1945. He is a member of the World Health Organization Expert Panel on Leprosy; has travelled widely on Lecture Tours, and written many Articles for medical and allied journals. He recently won the coveted Howard Imsker Award for his outstanding contribution in the field of rehabilitation of leprosy sufferers. His wife is an Opthalmologist at Vellore Christian Medical College.

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BE THANKFUL!

Be thankful for the task too great
for you,
The plan that is too large for you
alone;
The need that claims a better than
your best,
And draws you humbly to the
Father's throne.
For here, the finite meets the
Infinite
And human limitations pass away;
God's great reserve of kindling,
conquering power
Is yours to draw from through the
darkest day.
(Mary Edgar)

W.M.S. TRAINING CENTRES — 1963

by MISS LOUISE A. REITH, M.A.

Luther College, Regina, and Albert College, Belleville, were the scenes of the 1963 Training Centres sponsored by the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada during the weeks of July 8-12 and July 22-26, respectively.

A total of 85 women, exclusive of staff, attended these centres. This year at Belleville we were especially happy to welcome five representatives from the Woman's Missionary Society, E.D.

The emphasis at both Training Centres was established by the Bible Study periods, which were led each morning by Dr. J. S. Clarke, General Secretary of the Board of Christian Education. The theme of the Bible Study was — "The Vocation of a Christian". Through the use of appropriate Bible passages, serious thought was given to such questions as — "What is God calling us to do? What is the place of man in God's creation? What is our vocation as people? What does it mean to be a Christian on His terms?" Emphasis was placed upon the need to become "learners", and to use Bible Study to help us grow in our Christian life and in the knowledge of God, that continually we may be growing towards maturity.

The serious thinking done in the Bible Study periods influenced the approach to the questions considered in the workshop periods for officers in Synodicals and Presbyterials, and for Leaders in local groups for children, teen-agers, and adults. How do we carry out our vocation as Christians as members and Leaders of groups in our local congregations? This question was kept in the foreground, as methods and materials were considered in these groups. In all of the groups emphasis was placed upon "Why" we have groups, and when we have them "What" we do in them, and upon the materials available to help leaders give effective leadership. Stress was placed upon the importance of worship in the various groups, and the variety of the approaches and aids to worship that could be used. These were demonstrated within the groups, and each evening in the Services of Worship, which were led in Regina by Miss Margaret Boyd and Miss Barbara Woodruff, and in Belleville by Mrs. G. L. Wallace.

The programme packets and related supplementary materials were introduced, discussed, and experimented with, so that those attending might be able to introduce them in their home areas to Leaders of children and teen-agers, and to the adult groups. Additional resource materials on the two 1963-64 themes — "The Christian Mission in Southern Asia" and

"The Changing City Challenges the Church" indicated an abundance of programme and home reading materials for all ages. Those in the workshops for Leaders of Children benefitted from Observation-Practice sessions with C.O.C. and Explorer groups.

Each afternoon, at the Missionary Matinee hour, those present at the Training Centre were reminded of the coming Anniversaries' Year; their memories were refreshed concerning historic events, as well as brought up-to-date on current news of the Church's Mission in Canada and other lands. The evening programmes also presented information concerning the various areas of work at home and overseas.

Those giving leadership at both Training Centres were Dr. J. S. Clarke, General Secretary of the Board of Christian Education; Miss Giollo Kelly, Director of National Missions for the W.M.S.; Miss Mary Whale, Director of Overseas Missions for the W.M.S.; Miss Louise Reith, Director of Organization for the W.M.S.; Miss Mabel Booth, National Secretary for Children's Work of the Presbyterian Church in Canada; Miss May Nutt, Assistant in the Adult Department of the W.M.S. and Miss Beatrice Scott of India. In addition to the above, the following led in the various workshops and presentations, at Regina — Miss Barbara Woodruff, Regional Secretary for Alberta; Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary for Saskatchewan; Miss Dorothy Keller, Regional Secretary for Manitoba; Miss Dixie Kee, Summer Worker with the Organization Department; Miss Evelyn Murdoch, Presbytery Deaconess, Saskatoon; Miss Helen Ross of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Kenora, Ontario; Mrs. G. W. Bradley, Hospital Visitor in Winnipeg and Miss Mary Sherrick of India; at Belleville, Miss Clare Hanes, Regional Secretary, Synod of Hamilton and London; Miss Lois Powrie, Regional Secretary, Synod of Montreal and Ottawa; Mrs. D. Millar, Secretary for Girls' Work on Council Executive; Mrs. G. L. Wallace, Chairman of the Organization Committee; Mrs. George Peckover, Chairman of the Adult Committee; Miss Margaret Tranmer of the Organization Department Office Staff; Miss Pauline Brown of India; Miss Dorothy Lukes, Port Receptionist, Montreal; Miss Margaret Near of the Chinese Work, Toronto; and Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D.

The Summer Training Centres of 1963, as those of previous years, provided an opportunity for staff members and representative women of the Church to come to know each other, as fellow-workers endeavouring to fulfil their Christian vocation in the place God has set them. Through the hours spent together in study, work, fun, and Christian fellowship, all became more conscious of their responsibility as Christians in the world of today.

DR. HELEN KIM — OF "EWHA"!

Until the selection, this year, of Dr. Helen Kim, President Emeritus of Ewha Woman's University, Seoul, Korea, no person, outside of North America, was ever chosen to receive the Upper Room Citation. Indeed, in the fourteen years when this worthily-won Award has been made, only one other woman was the recipient, and she was Miss Margaret Applegath, a well-known Christian leader and writer, who lives in the United States, and many of whose books have been used as Resource Reading on our Study Themes during those years. She received the Citation in 1955. This Award is given annually, by this widely-circulated Interdenominational Devotional Publication, to the person who has been judged really outstanding for his, or her, contribution to World Christian Fellowship. Dr. James R. Mutchmor, Moderator of the United Church in Canada received the Award in 1962.

Dr. Kim is one of the best-known Christian women of the world. She has served on many Governmental, and Ecumenical Committees, and is a member of many National and World Organizations. For 44 years, she has been connected with Ewha University, where she was President from 1931 to 1961, her time of retirement. She has been Vice-President of the International Missionary Council; President of the Korean Association of University Women; Vice-President of the Korean Red Cross; Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the National Y.W.C.A., of Korea, of which she was one of the founders; and head of the Department of Information of Korea, during the Korean War.

Dr. Helen Kim

She has represented Korea three times at the United Nations, and she was a delegate to the World Council of Churches at New Delhi, India, in November 1961. Just recently, Dr. Kim was in Paris, as head of the Korean delegation to the World UNESCO Meeting. She is Chairman of the Commission on Evangelism of the Korean Methodist Church, and also of the National Council of Korea. She is a woman of whom all Christian women can be justly proud, in every angle of her life and living.

THOSE ANNIVERSARIES SOUVENIRS

Now they are really here, and waiting for your Orders to come in — those decorative white Place Mats, bearing the W. M. S. crest in blue and gold at the top; the two dates of our Centenary in large blue figures on either side; "The World For Christ" in blue letters across the bottom; a bordering of gold accenting the scallped edge; and pertinent dates of W. M. S. history centring the whole! These cost 75 cents for fifty; and the Serviettes, bearing the blue W. M. S. Crest are available at one cent apiece. Both of these you will like to have for Group, or Church, Luncheons or Dinners, or smaller tea-parties. The silver Souvenir spoons, with the W. M. S. Crest in enamel on the handle are ready, too, and they are certainly beautiful. These cost $2.00 each, and will make much-appreciated gifts for many Christmas, Birthday or Anniversary lists, as well as adding to your own collection of interesting mementoes. All may now be ordered through the Publications Department, and wouldn't it be a good idea to have some to display at Sectional and Group Meetings this Fall? Be sure to order early, if you plan to have them at your Meetings!

SYNODICAL GIVINGS

Jan.-July, 1963

	1962	1963
British Columbia	3,800.00	3,054.75
Alberta	4,097.01	5,035.00
Saskatchewan	2,556.14	3,317.77
Manitoba	3,860.25	3,704.35
Hamilton and London	40,739.10	42,422.74
Toronto and Kingston	39,283.40	43,720.50
Montreal and Ottawa	24,418.79	24,112.79
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Thanksgiving Service of Worship

Prepared by (MRS. S. V. A.) MARION E. GORDON

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CALL TO WORSHIP:

"O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved."

PRAYER:

Almighty God, Who hast created us to glorify Thee, and Who hast blessed us beyond all that we could ask or think, prepare our hearts and minds to worship Thee with rejoicing and thanksgiving. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

HYMN NO. 140 (All verses)

"For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise."

LEADER:

"Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation."(Psalm 68:19)

FIRST READER: (Psalm 145; verses 3, 4 and 7 to 19)

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness and shall sing of thy righteousness.

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee.

They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;

To make known to the sons of men his migthy acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openst thine hand, and satisfieth the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works,.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry and save them."

LEADER: (Psalm 128: 1, 2)

"Blessed is everyone that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways.

For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee."

SECOND READER: (1 Peter—1, 3-9)

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that wasteth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than the gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls."

LEADER: (Hebrews 15; 15, 16)

"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

PRAYER:

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty. We would praise Thy glorious Name.

Thou hast revealed to us Thy love through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer;

Thou hast placed us in a pleasant land and surrounded us with the blessings of families, friends and Christian fellowship, abilities and a work to do; thou hast cared for and protected, comforted and strengthened us. We bow before Thee in gratitude and thanksgiving for all Thy loving kindness to us.

Forgive us, Father, for all our failings, our waywardness, our selfishness, our neglect, our indifference, and all our sins against Thee.

We would pray for those in the midst of upheaval and strife, the homeless, the needy, the despairing, and those burdened by care, suffering and sorrow. Wilt Thou be for them a refuge, a very present help in trouble. Give us a love and concern for those in unfortunate circumstances, and a willingness to share with them what Thou hast given to us.

Bless the labours of all who proclaim Thy Gospel, in every land. Help us to uphold them by our prayers and gifts.

Grant each of us grace so to live that all may see that Christ lives in us.

These things we pray in the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN NO. 258 (4 verses)

"Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad His wonderful name:
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious, and rules over all."

CLOSING PRAYER:

"Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in Thee." Amen.

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THANKSGIVING!

Give thanks, my soul, for harvest,
For stores of fruit and grain;
But know the Father giveth,
That we may share again!
Where men are lone and hungry,
Or little children cry,
With gifts from God's rich bounty,
May thankful hearts reply.

Give thanks, my soul, for beauty,
For dream, and hope, and plan;
For Christ, Divine Revealer
Of God's concern for man.
Show forth, O God, Thy purpose,
Direct our will and hand,
To share Thy love and bounty
With men in every land.

(William Watkins Reid)

(From Dovercourt Road Presbyterian Church (Toronto) Sunday Calendar)

AN ASTRONAUT PRAYS!

Our readers will remember well how humbly, and yet triumphantly, Astronaut John Glenn fearlessly proclaimed his faith in God. "Gordo" Cooper, also has no hesitation in also declaring his belief in God, and in telling that he lifted his heart in believing prayer, as he was recently high in space, encircling the earth twenty-two times in thirty-four hours; and as he brought his space-capsule down to earth again—manually—the truly dangerous way. A news item from a Washington newspaper tells us that Gordon Cooper sent this message down through space —

"I would like to take this time to say a little prayer for all the people, including myself, who are involved in this launch operation—"Father, thank You, especially for letting me fly this flight. Thank You for the privilege of being able to be in this position; to be up in this wondrous place, seeing all these many startling, wonderful things that You have created. Help guide and direct all of us that we may shape our lives to be much better Christians, trying to help one another; and to work together, rather than fighting and bickering. Help us to complete this mission successfully.

Help us, in our future space endeavours, that we may show the world that a democracy really can compete, and still is able to do things in a big way; and is able to do research, development, as well as to conduct many scientific and technical programmes. Be with all our families. Give them guidance and encouragement, and let them know that everything will be okay. We ask this in Thy name, Oh Lord. Amen". When we recall the statement given by Titov, the Russian Astronaut, after his flight into space—"No God helped build our rocket — it was made by our people. I don't believe in God. I believe in man, his strength, his possibilities, and his reason. I saw no God, or angels, up there in space!" — then we can truly thank God for the firm faith in the Unseen God, of these believing, and intrepid spacemen of the Western World. (Adapted)

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THESE THINGS!

"Four things we all must learn to do
If we would make our records true—
To think, without confusion, clearly;
To love all people more sincerely;
To act from honest motives purely;
To trust in God and Heaven securely."

(Selected)

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

(These books are all new books which are recommended as Resource and Reading Books to supplement the 1963 Study Books.)

BRANCHES OF THE BANYAN TREE. Edited by Addison J. Eastman

In this broad-visioned and informative book, Mr. Eastman presents penetrative insight into the Christian fellowship, as its roots go deeply into the soil of Ceylon, India, Pakistan, and Nepal, and this he does in a very revealing manner, by bringing together in this one book an enlightening number of Articles and Sketches written by Eastern and Western writers, through whom we meet, and come to know, the native Christian leaders, both men and women, as they bring the message of Christianity to their own people. Because of his eleven years of experience as a Missionary in Burma, Mr. Eastman is particularly able to edit such a book from close personal observation, and knowledge of those Leaders of the Christian Church in these eastern lands, who are best fitted to give a clear and concise picture of the work and people there. He has been, also, Director of the Missionary Personnel Programme of the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches, and is now Executive Secretary for the Joint office of Southern Asia and the Near East.

He has used "Branches of the Banyan Tree", as his title because all throughout Southern Asia, the banyan tree is revered for its great size and beauty, and because it possesses the rare and unusual characteristic of having aerial roots which hang down from the branches, root themselves in the soil, and grow into trees. These trees grow to tremendous size — one in India, known as the Calcutta Banyan, has thus branched to such an extent that several thousand people have met at one time beneath its shade! The banyan tree is a symbol of the growth of the Church in South Asia. A Christian botany professor of Ceylon says — "They are like the young Church in my country! Missionaries from the West planted the seed, and it has grown, but today, the Church in Ceylon is trying to send down its own roots into the soil of our Country. Only now are those roots beginning to reach the ground, and the tender shoots are seeking for a place to take hold. We know that, like the banyan, it will succeed!"

This book opens for us the vision and development of the Christian Church in Southern Asia — a vast section of the world stretching from the Indian Ocean in the south, to the Himalaya Mountains in the north, and embracing India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Nepal, each one with its own distinctive history and culture, and its own contribution to make in today's world. It should be read by all who are taking the new Study, "The Christian Mission in Southern Asia". Well illustrated, and with a good map — Price — Paper $1.95.

TEN OPEN DOORS. By Gertrude Jenness Rinden

In the ten Chapters of this interesting book for Juniors, each a story about the "inner city", which so many scarcely ever open their eyes to see, we have our own eyes opened to the opportunities for Christian service there, and learn how the Church can open, and is opening, doors of promise and help, and bringing new spiritual meaning to the families on the City's crowded streets. These are fascinating stories, well told, and holding the interest, right from the beginning, of older readers as well as children. There is the story of Mary Spotted Horse, a young Indian girl; Jo, the Italian lad; Rosy, a Syrian girl; Kelly, as Irish as his name; Carlos, a Spanish boy who could not read; and many others which touch both the heart —and the mind. Either for personal reading, or for Group use with a teacher, this is a most worth-while Book. The Author, Mrs. Rinden, has drawn these stories from life, for she lives in the heart of New York, and only a few blocks from the Lower School, where she now teaches. She and her husband spent 25 years as Missionaries in China, and her own three children spoke Chinese before they spoke English. She is the Author of three previous books — all written for Friendship Press. Price — Paper, $1.75.

COME TO SHANTA BHAWAN ! By Alice Cobb

This unusual story is told by "David Conklin Brown Jr.", whose Father, a Newspaper Man, was always being sent away to the different far places of the world where "big news" was happening, and who, all of a sudden, right in the middle of Spring, announced that in a few weeks, he was going to fly off to a news assignment in the City of Katmandu, the Capital City of Nepal, and that this time — he was going to take his son along with him! David could scarcely believe his ears, but so it was, and that's how it came about that David spent wonderful weeks in the fabulous little country of Nepal, a small, independent kingdom, sandwiched in between India and Tibet. David's Mother is a busy Officer in her church

Women's Group and their Church is supporting a Mission very near to Katmandu, so David and his Father are directed to bring back a full report of that work, as well as the Nepalese people — which they do, in a most interesting way. This is a really exciting story, splendidly told. With two friends made while there, David explores the old City, bargains in the Bazaars, rides a cycle rickshaw, and travels through the mountains to the Mission.

Actually, this story carries three interwoven threads of great interest — the discovering and interpreting of Nepalese culture and history; the ever-deepening affection for each other of the American boy, the Canadian Jewish boy, and the young Nepalese Hindu; their interest in each other's faith; and, always, the great appeal of adventure. A really good book, and especially as Resource Reading for this year's Teen-Age Study. Price — $1.75 Paper.

LEE LAN FLIES THE DRAGON KITE. By Ralph Herrmanns

Here is a very beautiful Picture Book, which tells the story of Tang Lee Lan, and her elder brother Tang Hing, who live on a junk in the waters of Hong Kong. They are very poor, for their Father is a fisherman, but Lee Lan is determined to go to school, and, in a very dramatic way, this book tells how she raised the money to do so. This is a cloth-bound book with fine glossy paper, clear print and dozens of beautiful coloured illustrations. It is not an inexpensive book, but it would make a wonderful Christmas gift for some good Grandmother to give a beloved Grand-Child! Price — $3.25

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FAREWELL DINNER FOR MR. AND MRS. ALBRIGHT

On the occasion of his retirement as Director of the Canadian School of Missions in Toronto, a Farewell Dinner was given for Dr. L. S. Albright and his wife, in the parlours of Bloor Street United Church, Toronto. Professor D. V. Wade of Knox College presided; 160 guests were present; tributes and appropriate presentations were made to Dr. and Mrs. Albright, and to Miss R. C. Campbell for her long and continuing service in the enlarged Canadian School of Missions and Ecumenical Institute.

Dr. Albright, in his reply, expressed appreciation for all the help received, and he appealed for increased emphasis on Mission and Unity to meet responsibly the complex and challenging situations at home and abroad. Dr. James Mutchmor, Moderator of the United Church of Canada closed the enjoyable occasion with prayer.

THE LEADER AND THE SENIOR GIRLS

by MISS MARY DENNYS

"How can we keep our senior girls in C.G.I.T.?" This is a question which can cause much concern to all C.G.I.T. leaders. With pressures upon the girls, and distractions of all sorts, ranging from increasing academic emphasis and part-time jobs, to T.V., movies, and "steady" boy friends, most of us feel at times like admitting defeat. Surely, however, of all ages, this age group of girls—from fifteen to seventeen years old — is the group that most vitally needs the guidance, support, and encouragement to maturity that can best be found within the circle of a Christian group.

Here is an unexcelled opportunity for girls within the Church environment to discuss fully and frankly their problems; to broaden their experiences and deepen their insights through projects geared to their needs and interests; to sort out their values and establish Christian standards.

The interests and experiences of girls of sixteen and seventeen, and even of fifteen, are very different from those of the twelve to fourteen year olds. It is most important, if at all possible, to have a separate Senior Group, even if there are only three or four senior girls. In a mixed age group, senior girls should have special responsibilities and opportunities for meeting alone with the Leader.

Every group of senior girls is different, and therefore the programme must vary for each group, and must remain as flexible as possible. Seniors like to feel a part of a movement, such as C.G.I.T., and take a real pride in its purpose, traditions, and programme. Thus they should meet, if possible, on the same evening as the younger groups, even if the time is not exactly the same. With the increased academic pressure, tests and exams loom ever more mountainous to the girls, and we must make allowances by changing dates and times of meetings, or else run the risk of losing the girls entirely.

The need for recognition, and for responsibility, is strong at this age. This does not necessarily mean that the girls are willing to do extra work, or that they always carry out their responsibilities! Here is a wonderful opportunity for the Leader to guide in the development of potentialities. There are many responsibilities in a Group, or Department, that are not the work of the Officers—games, music, singsongs, room preparations, and publicity, to name a few.

Senior Groups vary widely as they plan their projects and general programme. It is usually advisable to steer clear of projects which involve a long period of time, such as five or six weeks, or of projects that demand the presence of each member of the group all the time. The lives of seniors are too unpredictable for this! Whereas intermediates need and enjoy activity, seniors have a propensity for endless talk. This can be of real value, but talk can also be a complete waste of time if allowed to drift on too long, without purpose or guidance.

Discussions with seniors are often most valuable when they arise spontaneously during the regular meeting, or while hands are busy in some other project. Whether it is spontaneous or planned, discussions are probably the most important part of the seniors' programme. Seniors want topics that are genuinely relevant to their lives, their age, and their world. There are endless subjects but here are a few: — drinking; going "steady"; standards in dating, marriage, vocation, and the choice of an occupation; mixed marriages; discrimination; the mission of the Church; our basic beliefs; the relevance of our faith to our lives; brief studies of other denominations, sects or religions (with visits to their places of worship); Bible study (particularly centered around some of the questions of faith that trouble young people), and the true meaning of religious tolerance.

Special events make highlights to remember in the life of a senior girl. These may be the moments of re-dedication and challenge at the Service for the New Senior Girls, or again, at the end of their C.G.I.T. days, at the Service for the Girl leaving C.G.I.T. It may be a father and senior girls party; a special meeting at the Leaders' or a members' home; leadership at the Vesper Service; introductions, votes of thanks or toasts at the Mother and Daughter Banquet. A fall or spring week-end at a cottage, "with just the seniors along" (and Leader!), with lots of time to laze, sing, eat, talk, and think, will bind a group together more than almost any other part of their programme.

Without careful guidance, it is very easy for a happy, tightly-knit group of senior C.G.I.T. girls to lose sight of their relationship to the Church, and of their responsibilities as Christian young people within the Church. Most senior girls will have publically professed their faith, and have entered into responsible membership in the Church. They should be encouraged to be concerned for the life of the local congregation, by sharing in the worship and work when at all possible. This should include regular attendance at Services of Worship, congregational meetings and special events. Seniors may also plan a special programme for a younger group, such as the C.O.C. or Explorers, or for one of the Adult Groups, so that each age group gets to know the others, as part of the church "family." They may join with adults in a special study. There may also be joint activities with the co-ed teenage group or older boy's groups. Senior girls need to be reminded occassionally of their place of witness in the world — the high school, the community, the part-time job.

As Leaders, of course, we get discouraged, or perplexed at times, and we have our keen disappointments too, as we see one or another of the girls drift away from the group. First, let us remind ourselves that the C.G.I.T. group is a part of the Church, and guide these girls into other aspects of the life of the Church of Jesus Christ. Then let us rejoice as we see "our" girls going on into fields of happy and useful Christian service, whether it be in business, a profession, or marriage.

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SEND ME

Use me, God, in Thy great harvest field,
Which stretcheth far and wide like a wide sea;
The gatherers are so few; I fear the precious yield
Will suffer loss. Oh, find a place for me!
A place where best the strength I have will tell:
It may be, one the older toilers shun;
Be it a wide or narrow place, 'tis well
So that the work it holds be only done.

Christina G. Rossetti

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Boys and Girls!

THE BITE OF THE CROCODILE

by JANE CLIFFORD

PART 1

Rama wanted to go into the forest to gather nuts. It was just the time when the big ripe coconuts were full of milk, and it was great fun to shin up the tall trees and gather the nuts. Rama's friends knew, too, where the precious fruit could be exchanged for knives and belts, and other treasures dear to the hearts of boys everywhere.

Rama's mother had been ill for a long time and he had had to help with many jobs which he really didn't like doing.

"Take this bundle of clothes to the river and wash them," he was told. Rama pulled a face, and, like many another boy, he thought quickly for an excuse. "I can't do it now! I've promised to meet the boys. They'll be waiting for me. Why must they be done today? Won't tomorrow do?" Rama had tried that dodge too many times and it was wearing a bit thin. He'd been asked to take the bundle every day for several days, and somehow he'd managed to escape the hated task.

"You can go and explain to your pals, and join them later in the day. Please go for me, Rama, there's a good boy." The tears that welled up in his cheeks made a lump come in Rama's throat. "All right! I'll go," he said, shouldering the bundle of dirty clothes.

Rama ran all the way to the river, choosing a spot where the tall coconut palms fringed the bank. High in the treetops he could hear the voices of his friends and from time to time the thud, thud, as the big brown nuts fell to the ground.

Rama undid the bundle. Idly swishing the clothes backwards and forwards in the water, he lay on the bank and called out to his friends. He wasn't looking at what he was doing, and so he did not see the ripples in the midstream. Every now and then he lifted a garment from the water, squeezed it between his hands and spread it on the grass in the hot sun.

"Rama, look out!" He looked towards the tree from which the shout came, and almost at the same moment he felt a sharp pain in his arm. Rama shrieked, as he saw the great ugly shape of the crocodile who had put his sharp teeth into his right arm. The creature was now scared by the volley of nuts, hurled by Rama's friends from the treetops. With a whisk of his long tail, the crocodile dived into the murky depths of the river. Rama clutched his bleeding arm and knew no more. He had fainted.

Some of his friends dropped swiftly to the ground, seized some of the wet clothes and bound them tightly round the badly-torn arm. Others raced to a nearby plantation, to call for help from the men working there.

"We'd better fetch the village medicine man," one man said.

"Dip him in the river. It has healing powers."

"It's no use. He's bound to bleed to death anyway."

"They say that that crocodile is the reincarnation of an evil spirit."

"My uncle had a much smaller bite and he died."

"Rama's dead already. See, he doesn't move!"

Advice such as that was plentiful, but fortunately for Rama, who lay unconscious on the grass while the blood seeped through the clothes tied on his arm, the man who was first to reach the river bank was a Christian and took charge of the situation.

"There's no time to be lost," he said. "You take his feet and I'll take his head. We'll carry him to the hospital."

So, they lifted him carefully and carried him to the Mission hospital.

(continued next month)

(From World Friends)

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A DAY!

It may be sunny—it may be grey—
Whatever it is, it is God's own day!
A bit of His time He has lent to you
To learn some lesson—some task to do!

It may be bright with a sunlit track,
It may be shadowed with storm-clouds black;
But take it pluckily! Make it fair!
Show you are worthy to walk just there!

There may be song—or there may be none!
The world may praise you for work well done!
Or maybe, only Omnipotent Sight
Shall see—and judge your journeying nought!

But whether the road be rough, or end
With moss for footing its path, my friend,
Remember this, as you tread its way,
You must make it grand—it is God's own day!

(Selected)

LETTER FROM DOROTHY DOUGLAS

Tamsui, July 17, 1963

Dear Friends:

We always especially look forward to the summer holidays for, in June and sometimes May the weather is so hot and humid it is difficult to both study and teach. Now the graduation and examinations are over, but there are still some students around the school preparing for the entrance to university examinations. Our entrance examinations are the thirtieth so the teachers have to prepare for those. When the results come out the parents of those who failed will be coming around looking for special favours. That is always a difficult time for the Principal.

Before the students went home there was a short Conference for the Junior students, and about one hundred of the Seniors went to a camp site on the north-east shore for four days. They enjoyed living in tents and cooking and eating outside. The speaker was very good. He took the early morning and the mid-morning meetings, as well as the consecration meeting the last evening. Other people took the evening worship. The nurse, the girls' dormitory matron, and I, had a small cottage as did some of the men teachers.

The graduating classes always give a gift to the school. This year it was the money to build two outside basket ball courts for the boys. These were badly needed, for three hundred boys need some way to use up their superfluous energy. You can see how much they are appreciated for they have been in use ever since they were finished.

When the new boys' dormitories were built it was impossible to finish the new dining-room and kitchen, as the amount of the debt became too great. Last month the Government here gave the school the equivalent of $3750 for this project. They only give this money for classrooms, but the inspector whom they sent to investigate was so impressed with the work done in the dormitories that she recommended that money be given to us. Now we hope that the new dining-room and kitchen will be ready for use by September. The dining-room in the girls' dormitory is quite inadequate for the three hundred girls who are living there, but I am afraid they will have to wait a few years for renovations to be made.

I am sure that you will all be happy to know that at the June Communion service fifty-seven of our students were baptized in Tamsui Church. Many of these were graduates who were leaving the school at the end of term. We believe that this is an answer to all the prayers that are continually going up for the school, from Taiwan and from all over Canada, and you will rejoice with us that so many young people have given themselves to Jesus Christ. Now we ask that you will continue to pray that they may be kept in His will and that they may be a light leading others to Him, wherever they may be.

We thank you for your gifts, for your interest in the work being done but most of all for your prayers. Sincerely, Dorothy Douglas.

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KAMLOOPS - OKANAGAN PRESBYTERIAL—At a farewell gathering in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Armstrong,* friends said "good bye" to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dickson, who have accepted the position of "house parents" at the Winnipeg Fellowship House. The W.M.S. Auxiliary of this Church presented a Life Membership to Mrs. Dickson in appreciation of her splendid work among the children of the Church. Mrs. H. Whitaker made the presentation.

At the Mother - and - Daughter C.G.I.T. Banquet in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Vernon,* the theme was "*Formosa*" and the Posters, made during their Mission Study, illustrated life and industry in *Formosa.* Table decorations carried out the *Formosan* theme, and the typical Chinese food was provided by the Leaders and Mothers. The Rev. Dennis Mahood pronounced the blessing. Each girl told of one phase of the Study on *Formosa,* and the film "Double By a Hundred" was shown. At this meeting the Group re-affiliated with the W.M.S. and Mrs. John McCulloch, Past President of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbyterial, accepted $30.00 from the Group, to be used for the C.G.I.T. Project of paying a teacher's salary at the Hain Chu Bible School. Officers of the Group are Leader, Mrs. J. J. Carr; President, Glenda Pagan; Secretary-Treasurer, Elaine Boer.

At a recent meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Armstrong,* the Guest Speaker, Mrs. John McCulloch, Past President of this Presbyterial, gave an interesting account of her attendance at the Fourth Annual Conference for Presbyterian Women held in St. Andrew's Hall, *University of British Columbia.*

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL—This Presbyterial included the "Women of the Church" in their Rally in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Duncan,* when representatives were present from *Victoria, Sooke, Duncan, Nanaimo* and *Port Alberni.* They were privileged to attend the Morning Session of Presbytery to hear the Commissioners' General Assembly Report, presented by Dr. J. L. W. McLean, Dr. A. E. Wright, and Mr. Frank Richardson. After the "Pot-Luck Luncheon" given by the *Duncan* members, the Presbyterial convened in the Church Sanctuary, with President, Mrs. J. L. W. McLean, presiding and 45 members present. Miss Margaret Sanson reported the Conference of Presbyterian Women of the Church held recently in St. Andrew's Hall, U.B.C. Campus, *Vancouver,* and Mrs. A. K. Young, *Nanaimo* told of the Annual Council Meeting in *Toronto, Ontario.* Rev. Ronald Con, home after 2½ years of study in *Hong Kong* spoke of the Chinese work in *Canada.* Miss May Nutt, Regional Secretary, was Guest Speaker, and Mrs. F. O. Jenkinson, on behalf of Victoria Presbyterial, presented Dogwood Pins to Miss Dorothy Spring and Miss May Nutt, as she expressed appreciation and thanks for their fine contributions to the W.M.S. work in *British Columbia.* Both these W.M.S. Regional Secretaries are now taking-up work in the East. The Rev. Ronald Con closed the Session with prayer.

The Afternoon and Evening W.M.S. Auxiliaries of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Victoria* were entertained in the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. David Cooper. Mrs. James McNeill led the Devotional Period, and Miss M. Henry, the new President, spoke briefly. At the short business session, a letter was read from Miss Margaret Kennedy, of *India.* A half-hour tour of the gardens preceded refreshments; and Miss G. Scott thanked the Hostess for her gracious hospitality through the years.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL—At a recent meeting, the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Vancouver Heights* Church, *Vancouver*, presented a Life Membership Certificate and Pin to Mrs. L. Bishop, their President. The Rev. A. Bateson, Secretary of the Mission to Lepers, showing films, gave an informative address on their work in *Korea,* and stressed the need for help in carrying forward this splendid work.

"Through the Looking Glass" was the theme of the Annual Spring Tea of this Presbyterial, held in the hall of *Gordon* Presbyterian Church, which was beautifully decorated, and the platform transformed into an old-fashioned parlour. President, Mrs. George Ledingham, and Mrs. L. Hankinson, received the large number of guests and were gowned in fashions of by-gone days, as were the tea-table Hostesses. Mrs. R. V. Vallance and Mrs. Gordon Inglis were the imaginative Conveners for this happy occasion, and the light-hearted programme they had arranged was enjoyed.

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL — The Afternoon Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Grace Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* in one month lost three of their most faithful members—Mrs. J. Marshall, a member for over 40 years; Presbyterial Treasurer for 17 years; for her own Group 8 years as Treasurer, and 6 years as Convener; Mrs. W. H. Carmichael, a former Home Helpers Secretary; and Mrs. J. Scott, aged 97, and a member of this Auxiliary for 40 years. These loyal and dedicated workers are greatly missed, both personally, and for their wonderful contribution to W.M.S. work in *Calgary.*

The Elizabeth Rae Affiliated Group of Grace Presbyterian Church, *Calgary* in their Meetings have introduced "On Asia's Rim" and encouraged every member to read this good Study Book; conducted Panel Discussions on "Stewardship," "What Grace Church Members Are Doing," and "How the Sunday School Can Best Be Made Aware of W.M.S. work." Studies on *Hong Kong, Korea,* and *Formosa* were undertaken, and when Miss R. Bothello presented the film "Double By A Hundred," in appreciation the Group presented her with the booklet, "Alberta Revisited." Members have taken part in serving morning coffee; served the C.G.I.T. Mother-and-Daughter Banquet; represented the Church in Hospital visiting; and forwarded clothing to Eden Valley Indians. They continue to support Murdeen McIver, in *Haiti* and assisted the

Joanne V. Brummelinat Deaconess Training School.

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL — President, Mrs. G. Scott, introduced Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., on furlough from *India,* when she was Guest Speaker at the Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Edmonton,* and told of her work in the *Bhil Field, India.* Mr. J. Baker brought Session greetings. While Miss Scott was in *Edmonton,* Mrs. N. H. Grace entertained in her honour, and when Mrs. H. E. Grace entertained Presbyterial members, Miss Scott was the honoured Guest.

The Women's Annual Week-End Camp at Camp *Kanawin* proved most successful, with 53 women from all parts of *Alberta* gathered together in study worship and fellowship. Mrs. H. Magnuson welcomed the guests, and Miss M. Harback conducted the Worship Service. Bible Study was on the Book of Ephesians. Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A. showed slides and told of her work in *India.* Miss Margaret McLagan led in the Sing-Songs, and Skits were put on by each cabin. Sunday morning, Miss Barbara Woodruff conducted the Church Service, and following the noon meal Camp was closed with a Worship Service led by Miss Harback.

The Mission Circle of Westmount Presbyterian Church *Edmonton,* held a successful Ecumenical Meeting, with Anglican, United, and Lutheran Church ladies invited. The Theme was "Why A Presbyterian?" The Rev. J. E. Bigelow gave the Address of Welcome; Mrs. R. F. Stevenson outlined the history of the Presbyterian Church and Laws, and Mrs. R. Roch spoke on our beliefs and worship. Guests were invited to ask questions, and were shown a large display of Articles from the Presbyterian Record. Refreshments were served.

This active Mission Circle also held a Garden Tea in aid of the Supply Fund, at the home of Mrs. A. Campbell. President, Mrs. D. Roch and Mrs. J. E. Bigelow received the guests. The C.G.I.T. members assisted in serving refreshments, which featured delicious strawberry shortcake.

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SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — In an Address to the *Saskatoon* Presbyterial, meeting in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Biggar,* the Rev. Stephen Howe discussed conditions in his homeland of *Formosa,* and among Indians of *Canada.* Mr. How is now serving as Missionary in the *Mistawasis* Indian Reserve.

Other Speakers were Miss Margaret Boyd, Regional Secretary for *Saskatchewan,* who told of Ewart College, *Toronto,* the Church's new

Training School for Missionaries and Deaconesses; the Rev. J. Congram, who gave the Opening Address on the Theme of the Meeting, "Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord", presenting a challenge to those present on their sincerity concerning this Theme; and Mrs. R. Wiseman, of *Rosetown,* who reported the Annual W.M.S. Council Meeting, held in Ewart College, *Toronto,* in May. The Rev. M. Muth, Missionary in *North-western Saskatchewan,* gave the Closing Address.

The Mother-and-Daughter Banquet of the C.G.I.T. Group of Parkview Presbyterian Church, *Saskatoon,* was held in the Gold Dragon Restaurant where Chinese food, served in an Oriental Setting, was much enjoyed. Miss Caroline Fong, of *Formosa,* studying at the University of *Saskatchewan,* was Guest Speaker, and gave an interesting Address on her homeland, its people, and problems.

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. R. B. Hunter, of Knox United Church, was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the Southminster W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Brandon,* when Mrs. W. E. Lawrence and Mrs. George Lepard conducted the Devotional Period. The Rev. R. B. Herrod, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, sang two selections, accompanied by Mrs. Edith Leeson. President, Mrs. William Hamilton, on behalf of the Group, presented a Life Membership Certificate to Mrs. Jeannie Topp, and the W.M.S. Pin was presented by Mrs. Sarah Graham. At the Social Hour following, refreshments were served by Mrs. Joseph Sproule, Mrs. Ernest Anderson, Mrs. R. W. Lampkin, Mrs. James Hunter, and Mrs. Nat McMaster.

At the Affiliation Service of the C.G.I.T., held in First Presbyterian Church, *Portage la Prairie,* Mrs. D. Smith, of *Neepawa,* Presbyterial Girls' Work Secretary, presented World Friendship Badges to Anita Dronan; Maria Peden; Christine Hassard; Kathy Peden; Cheryl Wyatt; Barbara Smith; Shirley Glowa; Alma Lamont; and Carol Wendt. Mrs. Smith spoke to the girls on the "Mission of the Church", and the C.G.I.T. Group presented her with a gift of money to be used by the W.M.S. for their Mission Projects. Mrs. M. McDonald was Organist for the Evening Service.

In the Auditorium of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Carberry,* the Annual C.G.I.T. Mother-and-Daughter Banquet was recently held, with some 80 girls, Leaders, Mothers, W.M.S. members and friends attending. Department President, Mabel Graham, was Toastmistress, and proposed the Toast to the Queen. Other Toasts were — "The Church" proposed by Lois Graham, with the Rev. David Smith, of *Neepawa,* responding; "The Mothers", proposed by Lesly Harburn, and Mrs. Allan Harburn, speaking to it; "The Mystery Mother", was toasted by Kathleen Palen, and Mrs. Jos. Baron replied. Mrs. R. J. Hood awarded prizes to Lorraine Markle and Mary Lynne Middleton for perfect attendance, and thanked all who had helped the Group. A Sing-Song, led by Mabel Graham, Lynne Haire, and Brenda Orr, followed, with Lois Graham at the piano.

The Worship Service in the Sanctuary was the Affiliation Service, conducted by Margaret Palen, assisted by Merle Calvert, Lorraine Markle, Mary Lynn Middleton, and Lynne Watts. Mrs. David Smith, *Neepawa*, spoke briefly, and presented the Affiliation Badges. On behalf of the C.G.I.T. Group, Kathleen Palen presented a donation of money to the W.M.S. for Mission Work. The Rev. David Smith pronounced the Benediction.

The Graduation Service of this C.GI.T. Group was held at the Morning Service of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Carberry*. Five girls graduated—Merle Calvert; Linda Dickson; Lois Graham; Mabel Graham; Lynne Watts. Mrs. R. J. Hood, President of *Brandon* Presbyterial, introduced the graduates, and presented a gift to each. From the W.M.S. Auxiliary each girl received a copy of the English Bible. The Service was conducted by Mabel Palen; Linda Dickson was Valedictorian; and Mabel Graham read the Scripture Lesson. The Rev. Warren McKinnon was Guest Speaker. Corsages were presented to the graduates preceding the Service, and gifts from their respective Groups were presented to the three Leaders.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — At the Meeting of this Presbyterial, held in First Presbyterian Church, *Fort William,* and chaired by President Mrs. G. McDougall, October 19th was the tentative date set for the Fall Rally to be held in *Geraldton*. A Programme Committee — Mrs. R. MacLeod; Mrs. R. Rose; and Mrs. U. Cameron — was named to plan the Fall Rally Programme. The Devotional Period was given by Mrs. W. France and Mrs. J. McKirdy, and Mrs. J. Douglas, of Atikokan, delegate to the Annual Council Meeting at Ewart College, *Toronto,* in her interesting report of the meetings said "It was a most informative and heart-warming experience".

C.G.I.T. Graduation Services were held both in St. Andrew's and First Presbyterian Churches, *Fort William* recently, with four girls graduating at First Presbyterian, and one at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. James Presbyterian Church, *Winnipeg,* has suffered a great loss in the recent death of Mrs. H. Sinclair, a W.M.S. Life Member since 1928, and Honorary President of *Winnipeg* Presbyterial. Sympathy is extended to her family, and to the Organizations of her Church, where her loyal devotion to the work of her Lord will always be remembered.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL—The C.G.I.T. Group of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Walkerton,* held their Affiliation Service, when Supper was served to Mothers, and members of the Knox W.M.S. Auxiliary. The Service was led by Viola Warnock, Jean Smith, and Wanda Kay, and Presbyterial President, Mrs. E. W. Krampp gave the Charge to the girls, and, on behalf of the Presbyterial, accepted a cheque for W.M.S. Mission Work. The Rev. R. B. MacLean was Guest Speaker, and Mrs. N. R. Shaw was Pianist. Miss Viola Warnock, of *Hanover,* a member of the Graduating Class, received her diploma and pin from the *Walkerton* C.G.I.T. She will be attending University this Fall.

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) was Guest Speaker when the Dorothy Douglas Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Port Stanley,* celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary. She spoke on the Theme, "They shall come from the East, from the West, from the North, and from the South, and shall sit down in the Kingdom of God." The Devotional Period was conducted by Mrs. A. C. Wheaton, Past President of Hamilton and London Synodical, and Mrs. H. S. Rodney, of *St. Thomas.* Mrs. Robert Lacey was Soloist, and the Memorial Service was conducted by Mrs. J. A. Monteith and Mrs. Donald Kennedy. Corsages were presented to Mrs. A. S. Curr; to Charter Member, Mrs. Alex Taylor; Mrs. Victoria Parker, Auxiliary Secretary for 24 years; and Mrs. Francis Levack, Treasurer for 15 years. Mrs. Parker read the Auxiliary history, and Mrs. J. K. West, of *St. Thomas* closed the Meeting with prayer. Guests were present from *Fingal, Wallacetown, St. Thomas, London, Belmont, Ridgetown, Tempo,* and the local Churches. During the Social Hour, Mrs. Margaret Howse and Mrs. F. A. Gilbert poured tea, while members of the Evening Auxiliary served the many guests.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL—A 70th Anniversary was celebrated by the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Molesworth* Presbyterian Church, with President, Mrs. Russell Martin in the Chair, and many former members, as well as the *Gorrie* W.M.S. auxiliary, in attendance. The Devotional Period was given by Mrs. John Matheson, Mrs. Howard Harris, and Mrs. S. J. Stewart. The Guest Speaker, Mrs. C. A. Mc-

Carroll, of *Cookstown* spoke on the Theme, "The Unfinished Work of the Church." Mrs. Bennett Mitchell introduced the Speaker, and Mrs. Gordon Campbell moved the Vote of Thanks. A Social Hour followed.

The Yearly Rally of the Evening Auxiliaries of this Presbyterial was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Ripley*. Mrs. Jack Pollock, of *Teeswater,* presided, and six Auxiliaries took part. Miss Hazel MacDonald, now of *Goderich,* but for many years a W.M.S. Missionary in *Formosa,* showed interesting films of that country and spoke of her work among the *Formosan* women.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL—This Presbyterial has lost a dedicated W.M.S. member in the recent death of Miss Belle Jenkinson, in her 89th year. The Press Secretary writes "Miss Jenkinson was always an inspiration to meet at Annual Meetings, and a joy in her own Church and Sunday School, where she laboured hard and long in her Master's Service."

PARIS PRESBYTERIAL—The Summer Conference of this Presbyterial was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Embro,* with President, Mrs. E. P. Winhold presiding. Morning Devotions were conducted by Mrs. J. D. Hossick and Mrs. R. C. Matheson, of *Embro*; Afternoon Devotions by Mrs. Fred Hughes and Mrs. Lloyd Allen, of *Mount Pleasant*. Presbytery greetings were brought by the Rev. George Telco, B.A.; Greetings from Session by the Rev. Samuel Kerr; from the local Auxiliary by Mrs. Donald Matheson. Tribute was paid to the work and memory of the late Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg. N., M. Sc. N. Reports were received on Council and Synodical Meetings, and from the Childrens' Rallies held at *Norwich* and *Mount Pleasant*. In recognition of her work in the Presbyterial, Mrs. Lorne Gillespie presented an Honorary Membership to Mrs. J. P. Schissler, and Mrs. Robert Vance presented her with the W.M.S. Pin. Mrs. Schissler has recently moved to *Hamilton* Presbyterial. Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Executive Director of Overseas Missions for the W.M.S., was Guest Speaker, and stressed the position of the Church in the problems of the world today. Mrs. Harold Riddolls, of *Ingersoll* was Soloist, accompanied by Miss Dora Harrison of *Ingersoll*. Mrs. W. F. Ross gave the Closing Prayer, and the ladies of the Church served dinner.

SARNIA PRESBYTERIAL—The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. James Presbyterian Church, *Forest*, celebrated a 75th Anniversary recently, with many visitors present. Mrs. F. Flater was Soloist, and Mrs. W. Lochead was Historian. Four Mission Band members sang, and both the Explorers and the C.G.I.T. contributed to the Programme. An impressive Candle-Lighting Service was led by Mrs.

McLean, assisted by Mrs. Ross Sevenpiper, Mrs. T. Beard, Mrs. T. O. Hughes, Mrs. F. Cairns, Mrs. Don McColl, and Miss A. MacLeod. Greetings were presented by Mrs. D. MacInnes, President of Hamilton and London Synodical, and Presbyterial President, Mrs. R. B. Ross. Mrs. W. MacKenzie and Mrs. Glen Van Valkenburg cut the Anniversary Cake, and the Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary served lunch.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERIAL — Caven Presbyterian Church, *Exeter,* was hostess when the Women's Missionary Conference of this Presbyterial took place, with Presbyterial President, Mrs. W. Carr, presiding, and the theme—"Be Still and Know That I Am God". Mrs. Lloyd Sorsdahl and Mrs. D. Biewenga, of *Mitchell*, conducted Afternoon Devotions, and Evening Devotions were given by Mrs. Mervin Dow and Mrs. Gerald Cally, of *Cromarty*. Guests were welcomed by Mrs. C. J. Ersman, and the Rev. J. C. Boyne brought Presbytery greetings. Synodical reports were given by Mrs. N. Coulthard, Mrs. T. L. Scott, and Mrs. James Dickson, and Miss Margaret Near, of *Toronto,* told of her work as Deaconess to the Chinese there, and also described conditions in *Hong Kong*. At the Evening Session, Mrs. James Bell, of *Exeter* reported on the Women's Association Camp Kintail, and the *Exeter* C.O.C. provided special music. Study Book material was displayed by Mrs. A. Whilsmith and Mrs. Lamont of *Cromarty.*

The Burns Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Milverton* Presbyterian Church celebrated their 70th Anniversary, with Mrs. Donald MacInnes, of *Ridgetown,* a former member, and now President of *Hamilton* and *London* Synodical, their honoured Guest Speaker. Her subject was "The Winds of Change". In the absence of President Mrs. J. Brydone, Mrs. I. Coxon presided, and the Devotional, prepared by Mrs. A. White, was conducted by Mrs. Lloyd Smith and Mrs. I. Coxon. The Rev. Mr. J. McMurray, Minister of the Church, was soloist. Mrs. Ross Davidson reviewed the history of the Auxiliary, and conducted a brief Memorial Service, assisted by Mrs. A. Gallop and Mrs. W. MacPherson. It was noted that seven Honorary Memberships had been presented during the years. An hour of social fellowship followed the Meeting.

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BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL—The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Midland,* reports the loss of their oldest member, in the recent death of Mrs. J. M. Wallace, who was a Charter member of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Wallace was a Past President of *Barrie* Presbyterial and a faithful worker on the

Executive for many years. Her loss will be deeply felt, and sympathy is extended to her family, her Church and her Auxiliary.

EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL—Dr. A. Brown of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* spoke of Mission work in *Canada* and *Scotland,* at a recent meeting of the Mission Circle of Clairlea Park Presbyterian Church, *Scarborough.* President, Mrs. Thomas Tristiam, presided, and the Devotional Period was given by Mrs. Philip Lamb and Mrs. Roland Campbell. A male trio, consisting of Dr. Brown, Mr. David Fyfe, and Mr. Tom Cardwell, sang several selections.

At the Annual Meeting of Section Two, of East Toronto Presbyterial, the District President, Miss Flora Hall, of *Agincourt,* presided, and Mrs. A. E. Kennedy was Recording Secretary. The Theme of the Meeting was "My Utmost For The Highest". Mrs. Howard Hogg, Presbyterial President, brought greetings from the Presbyterial Executive. Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A. was Guest Soloist, and told of her work on the *Bhil Field, India,* and the Soloist was Mrs. G. Hutton, of *Agincourt.* Bible readings showing the necessity for the dedication to God of "Self, Time, Talents, and Substance" were given, and the Rev. John Forbes, Minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Agincourt,* gave an inspiring message on the Theme, "I have Chosen You". Reports from the various Secretaries were received, and a Memorial Service was conducted for members who had died during the past year—Miss Nettie Kennedy, Knox, *Agincourt;* Mrs. R. Wilson, St. Andrew's, *Markham*; Mrs. A. Gardiner Sr., St. Andrew's, Scarborough; and Mrs. G. Hood, St. James, *Stouffville.*

"Faith In Action" was the Theme at the Rally of Section One, of East Toronto Presbyterial in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Aurora.* The Rev. Louis H. Fowler, M.A., B.D., D.D., Minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Aurora,* conducted the Service of Worship. Excellent Reports were presented from all the Secretaries, and Presbyterial President, Mrs. Howard Hogg, brought greetings and gave a message of information and encouragement about the plans of the Anniversaries Committee for the coming two Anniversaries to be celebrated in Montreal, in 1964.

ORANGEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Maple Valley,* at a recent Meeting had a special treat when Mrs. Gilbert Sladen, of *Duneden,* was their Guest Speaker, and told them of her trip to *Palestine.*

A Memorial Service was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Maple Valley,* in remembrance of Mrs. Wm. Norman, Mrs. Edward Taylor, Mrs. Wm. Stewart, Miss Jean Gibson; and Miss Annie Mc-

Donald. Three pulpit chairs for the Church were presented by the Norman family.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Afternoon Auxiliary of Knox Crescent and Kensington Presbyterian Church, *Montreal* held their Annual Membership Day in June. After President, Mrs. Norman Seath opened the Meeting, the Chair was taken by Mrs. W. R. Henry, who presided over the Presentation Service. Life Memberships were presented to Mrs. W. J. Boyd, Mrs. Cameron J. Campbell, Mrs. W. G. Harris; and Mrs. A. J. Mearns. Honorary Memberships were awarded to Mrs. R. L. Hosley; Mrs. W. J. S. McCormick, and Miss Christine M. Morton.

The Devotional Period was conducted by Mrs. M. E. Hughes, and, at the close of the Meeting, Mrs. E. Seeley and her Committee served Tea.

W.M.S. members, and the Church School Staff of Ephraim Scott Presbyterian Church, *Montreal,* continue to co-operate in the Annual Presentation of Junior Memberships. On Sunday morning, when the Church School joined with the Congregation for a special Youth Service, Mrs. J. S. McBride, on behalf of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary, presented a Junior Membership and Pin to Marylou Allan; and, on behalf of the Church School Staff, presented additional Seals to Agnes Dunn and Valerie McBride, and Life Membership Certificates with Gold Seals to Marilyn LeLeauvre, and Heather Graham. This latter C.G.I.T. member was chosen to attend the N.A.R.P.Y.A. Conference in July. All these recipients have done outstanding work in the Church School, and as Explorers and C.G.I.T. members.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL — All W.M.S. Groups within this Presbyterial were well represented when the meeting of Ottawa Presbyterial was held at *Kilmars* Presbyterian Church in *Torbolton* Township, with Presbyterial President, Mrs. Peace Montgomery, of *Richmond,* presiding at the Morning Session, and Mrs. Roy MacLaren, President of *Kilmar* W.M.S. Auxiliary, in charge of the Afternoon Session. A Skit, "Language Barrier" presented by the *Kars* W.M.S. Auxiliary, brought home the difficulties our Missionaries confront on Mission Fields where many different dialects are spoken. All Secretaries gave their Departmental Reports, and Mrs. F. M. Mooney, of *Ottawa,* First Vice-President of *Ottawa* Presbyterial presented a comprehensive and interesting account of the Annual Council Meeting, held in Ewart College, *Toronto,* which she attended last May.

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Of Justice, Love, and Peace!"
(John Haynes Holmes)

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MISS WEBSTER

"THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW . . ."

(A series of four Services of Worship)

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(We are most grateful to Miss Margaret Webster, B.A., B.Ed., Principal of Ewart College, Toronto, for her kindness in permitting us to publish, as space will permit, the inspirational Services of Worship, given in the morning Devotional Periods, which she conducted in the Chapel of Ewart College, each day of the Annual Council Meeting, held in Ewart College last May. These Worship Services were based on the Key Verse of the Council Sessions—"I in them and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." (St. John 17 — verse 23) — and we feel sure that our readers will find them as helpful and worthwhile in their guidance for daily living, as did those Council members who were privileged to hear them. This is the second of these Worship Services and the others will follow soon.)

II. God

CALL TO WORSHIP: Serve the Lord with gladness . . . Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations. (Psalm 100:2a,4b,5).

INVOCATION: Almighty God, whose breath giveth to man life and understanding, grant us the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, for we know not how to pray as we ought. Forgive us our waywardness and wilfulness. Let the yearnings that we cannot utter make intercession for us. Assist our prayers that our supplications may be acceptable unto Thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN: Give to our God immortal praise
Book of Praise No. 121, verses 1-4
Tune: Hallelujahs

SCRIPTURE: (read responsively): Psalm 8

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION:

Thanksgiving for—the gifts of life this day
—God's revelation of Himself in Jesus Christ
—God's presence with His people in the Holy Spirit.
Intercession for—loved ones
—the suffering peoples of the earth
—the Church of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

SCRIPTURE: John 3: 1-3, 14-17

MEDITATION: "In the beginning—God." In this way the Biblical writers remind us that God, Who was and is and is to be, existed before the world began. So they acknowledge God—God the Creator of the world, the Sovereign Lord of all His creatures.

Throughout the Old Testament we see the mighty acts of this God whose name, Yahweh, the people so revered that they hesitated to utter. This God was a God of righteousness and judgment. Yet He was the God who made covenant with His people, a God of mercy and love.

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J. H. Oldham says that it is only love—the love of **God**—that could lift mankind beyond himself. In his book **Life is Commitment** he writes: "The complacency and easy-going optimism of modern man are amazing. People, for the most part, are blind to the realities of existence. Is there not a traitor in the heart of every one of us? To which of us, as we have read the stories of the torture to which those engaged in resistance movements had to submit, has the question not struck home, whether he might not, exposed to the severest test, betray his companions or even those dearest to him? If we have caught one glimpse of what love means, our lives must appear to us in retrospect a miserable failure. We have neglected those whom we might have helped. We have failed those who looked to us and trusted us. We have fallen immeasurably short of realizing our true manhood. No fact seems more certain than that from this unhappy state of things we cannot deliver ourselves. Every effort to save ourselves is a fresh assertion of our own individual will. And it is our individualism, our self-centredness and self-sufficiency that separate us from love. The only hope for us is that a love should reach us from outside, and bring us into the circle of love. We can only love if we have first been loved. The power of that liberating love can draw us into a community of love in which we forget ourselves and live . . . only for God and other people . . . There is no refuge from despair, no truth in which our minds can rest, nothing that can give us back confidence and hope, except the knowledge that there is an undeserved mercy on which we can cast ourselves and an unmerited grace in which we can put our trust. Historically it was this glad assurance that the Cross of Christ brought to men, and I know of no other rock on which we can take our stand."*

Christ, in His great prayer for the Church, prayed that the world might know that **God** had sent Him and had loved the people of the world as He loved His own Son.

PRAYER: O God, Whose name we reverence, for Thy gift of love in Christ we once again give thanks. Help us to know something of the breadth and depth of Thy love for us. Help us in turn to offer to Thee our love and to show forth our love to Thee as we love and serve those about us. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN: Praise to the Holiest in the height
Book of Praise No. 153, Tune: Gerontius

BENEDICTION: The power of the Father, and the wisdom of the Son, and the love of the Holy Spirit; the grace of the Blessed Trinity, be with us and preserve us, now, henceforth and for ever. Amen.

(*J. H. Oldham, **Life is Commitment.** New York: Harper & Brothers, 1952. Pp. 76 & 77. Used with permission.)

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DWELL DEEP !

Dwell deep! The little things that chafe and fret,
Oh, waste not golden hours to give them heed!
The slight, the thoughtless wrong, do thou forget;
Be self-forgot in serving others' need.
Thou faith in God through love for man shall keep.
Dwell deep, my soul, dwell deep!
Dwell deep! Forgo the pleasure if it bring
Neglect of duty; consecrate each thought;
Believe thou in the good of everything,
And trust that all unto the wisest end is wrought.
Bring thou this comfort unto all who weep:
Dwell deep, my soul, dwell deep!

— *James Buckham*

PRAYER

by MISS MARTINE JANSEN VAN BEEK

Deaconess, Presbytery of Temiskaming, Ont.

Almighty God, with Whom is the fountain of life, we praise Thee, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. We magnify Thy name, for Thou art the Strength of our life.

Yet we have turned from Thee, the Source of our life, and have lived without Thee. We have lived more for self than for others; we have lived for appearance, rather than for truth. Merciful Father, cast us not from Thy presence. Re-create us, O Lord, and uphold us through Thy Spirit.

Eternal God, at this time we would remember those who sacrificed their lives in war, so that we might live our days in peace. Guard us against indifference, lest we forget.

Thou art the God of the living, and not of the dead, grant, Oh Lord, that we may follow their example, and finish the work that they began.

"Lord, make us an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
Where there is doubt — faith;
Where there is despair — hope;
Where there is darkness — light;
Where there is sadness — joy."

(from the Prayer of Saint Francis of Assissi)

In the name of Jesus Christ, Who came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly. Amen.

OUR COVER PICTURE

by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

HERE, in this photograph, a Canadian Soldier sounds the "Last Post", with the flag at half-mast, beside the Canadian Plot of War Graves, which is typical of all the 16,000 Canadian War Cemeteries and Graves throughout the world. His Bugle sounds in memory of those Young and Valiant Ones who paid the supreme sacrifice in two great World Wars, that those who followed after them might dwell in freedom, and in peace, within the land they gave their lives to save. This particular Plot is in Limmer Cemetery, near Hanover, Germany, but it might just as well have been in France, in Holland, Italy, Korea, or any other part of this great world where Canadians fell in defence of freedom — some 65,000 Canadian Soldiers of the different Services, and more than a million Commonwealth Servicemen altogether.

In this Month of Remembrance, on November 11th, at 11 A.M., wherever they may be, Canadians, young and old, will bow their heads and stand in silent tribute to these beloved War Dead, in whatsoever land they lie. Services of Remembrance are held at War Memorials and Cenotaphs, in all the lands of the Commonwealth, and in those many quiet and sequestered Plots in distant lands where our Servicemen, and women, who died on active service, are still held in honour and in grateful reverence. Everywhere, the sweet and poignant notes of the Bugles sound the "Last Post" over the white crosses and the flowers, which for time eternal will mark the resting spot of these Braves Ones, whose bodies rest in alien soil, but whose souls are with their God. In the silence of the gentle countryside, or in the brief hush of remembrance at the great Memorials, and in the busy rushing Cities, these high ringing Bugle Notes are deeply impressive, and echo in many a lonely heart throughout the whole wide world — they are piercingly representative of the whole Nation's proud remembrance, and enduring loss. Surely they must remind us, once again on this Remembrance Day, that the world has already paid too high a price for Peace, to ever allow it to fall into jeopardy again!

Scattered throughout the world, the graves of these who came not home from those two World Wars, are found in peacefully beautiful Cemeteries, lovingly honoured and tended by the people of the land in which they lie, and carefully watched over and supervised by the Imperial War Graves Commission. All are constantly looked-after and protected; flowering trees and shrubs have been planted in most of them; and flowers bloom always along the rows of white crosses, which, wherever possible, bear the badge, name, rank, unit, date of death, and the age of the fallen Servicemen. I have had the honour and privilege of visiting some of these serene and lovely Cemeteries across the sea — in Holland, France, and in Helsinki, Finland — a touching and unforgettable experience indeed!

Particularly, I remember the beautiful little War Cemetery at Arnheim, in Holland, where rest the bodies of so many of our Canadian Airmen— the white crosses standing "Row on row", so carefully tended, and each one bearing the name of the Airman and his Regiment; most of them revealing how pathetically young these lads were when they laid down their lives for us. Often, the inscription reads only, with simple eloquence, the words "Known Unto God." Roses, crimson and pink, bloomed between the long rows of white crosses, and the velvety grass was like soft green moss. Five Gardeners, working constantly, keep this precious plot of Holland's countryside in absolute perfection — a living evidence of the gratitude and honour in which these men of Canada will always be held by the people of the Netherlands, because they so freely gave their lives to help Holland save her freedom. Here, indeed, their memory does "live for evermore"!

This deep gratitude, felt by the Dutch people toward Canadians, is shown in many heartfelt ways — not only at Arnheim Cemetery, but in the other War Cemeteries in Holland, where lie those Canadian Servicemen who died on Dutch soil during World War II. These are situated near Bergen op Zoom; near Holton; and the Groesbeek Cemetery which overlooks the Reichswald Forest. On the evening before Holland's Remembrance Day, which is May, the Fifth, the school children come to this Groesbeek Cemetery, (as they do to others) at the sunset hour, to place in silent reverence their floral tribute of remembrance on each one of the nearly 4,000 graves of Canadian soldiers who are buried in this all-Canadian War Cemetery. Flowers are also laid on these Canadian War Graves on our Remembrance Day, November, the Eleventh. Did you realize, I wonder, that every Canadian grave in Holland has been adopted by a Dutch family, who have pledged their personal attention to it?

Certainly, the people of the Netherlands have not forgotten their Allies from Canada, who came to them in their need, and there laid down their young lives for the liberation of Holland! Not only in this way do they show their hearts gratitude, but the Dutch Government regularly invites the Next-of-Kin of these valiant Canadian lads, to come, whenever they wish, as the guests of the Dutch Government, to visit the graves of their Beloved Ones, whose bodies rest in Holland's soil. Many of them have done so through the years, and many more will continue to do so as the years go on.

"Be this day to us now, not a day among days,
A day like all others amid the many—just one
To pass with its tittle of duty performed; its jot
Of things thought, words said, and work done;
Nor be it a day of glory alone, or promise, or vaunting—
But a moment to halt and recall, and
Attend to the hearts-depths haunting."

(From "Dies Clarissimus", by Professor John R. Seeley, York University, Toronto.)

THE CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF WORSHIP

The Christmas Service of Worship will be published in the December issue of The Glad Tidings. This issue will be in the mails by November 15th, so copies of the magazine should be in the hands of our subscribers in plenty of time for December Auxiliary Meetings, and in ample time for Programme Committees to plan for its use in the December Meeting.

This year, the Service will be prepared by (Mrs. Ronald) Kathleen A. Rowat, of Montreal West, Quebec, who is the President of Montreal Presbyterial. Mrs. Rowat, the wife of the Rev. Ronald Rowat, B.A., Superintendent of Missions in the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, is a member of Montreal West Presbyterian Church, and a Past President of the W. M. S. Auxiliary of that Church.

SYNODICAL GIVINGS

JANUARY-AUGUST 1963

British Columbia	3,800.00	6,054.75
Alberta	4,097.01	5,035.00
Saskatchewan	2,556.14	3,317.77
Manitoba	4,333.75	4,374.21
Hamilton and London	44,529.10	46,011.05
Toronto and Kingston	42,519.40	50,120.50
Montreal and Ottawa	24,418.79	24,112.79
	$126,254.19	$139,026.07

OVERSEAS ANNIVERSARY PROJECT NO. 3

DORMITORY AND HOME SCIENCE ROOM, HELEN MacDONALD SCHOOL

by MISS MARY E. WHALE, B.A.

SOME WHO READ THESE pages will have received recently a field letter from Miss Margaret Leask. One of the main points of interest was the description of twenty Tibetan children who had arrived in Jhansi just before the letter was sent. This most recent event, in the life of the Helen MacDonald School, is typical of the type of ministry those who have served there have known through the years of its existence. The Tibetan children went to Jhansi early in July, without any material possessions but with a spirit to adapt to their new home. Their reception by students, teachers, and Missionaries was one in which they must quickly learn that the strongest of all emotions is love — and when that love comes from those who have known the love of Jesus Christ, it becomes the strength upon which to build their tragedy-stricken lives anew.

The Helen MacDonald Memorial School was established to train the girls of Christians in the area around Jhansi, in elementary education; namely, to read, write and to know how to care for themselves. This latter, they were to learn by looking after themselves in their hostel, cooking their own meals, learning to sew and how to care for their physical well-being. Along with this was Bible teaching. The School itself was named after the daughter of the donor of the fine School building and is a memorial to her.

As the years passed, the philosophy of education was established under the leadership of Miss Irene Stringer. It became an educational institution, in which the girls received such training as would fit them to take their place in their country, which was beginning to give more attention to the use that women's gifts might have in the life of the nation. It was natural that, with firm foundations, a School such as this would fit itself into the needs of the day. So the academic side of the School was developed. Students began to sit for government examinations, and each year more were successful, and able to go on for higher training. Other Christian missions began sending their students to Jhansi, as the fame of the Helen MacDonald School became known. Now students come from all over North India. They are mostly Christian girls, for Christian hostel life is not easy for non-Christians. Yet there have been a few Non-Christians who have desired to live, as well as learn, in a Christian School. They have been Hindu and Muslim young women. Those who have lived in the atmosphere of a Christian hostel have been led by the Holy Spirit through the ministry of fellow students, teachers and Missionaries to the knowledge of Christ as Saviour. There have been a number of non-Christian day students from the city of Jhansi and its suburbs, who have attended this School through the years from its beginning. Now there are these twenty Buddhist children joining the group.

We have mentioned Miss Stringer, whose influence in the earlier days of the school laid strong foundations. Miss Stringer now serves in the Bhil Field. Two well-known teachers served at the Helen MacDonald School for shorter periods: Mrs. Angus MacKay and Miss Beatrice Scott. Miss Edith Magee has made the school her career, and no small amount of credit is hers for her influence in both the spiritual and academic side of the School. Fifteen years ago Miss Margaret Leask joined Miss Magee on the Missionary Staff of the school. Under Miss Leask's direction the School offered Science to the girls. This course has become very popular, as Science has all over the world. Four years ago Miss Diana Wadsworth, also a Science teacher, joined the Staff. The academic standing of the school in all courses has been high from the earliest days of government examining.

This institution, which in the past has contributed a great deal to girls' education, now faces a future in which its service can be enlarged. Some time ago Government education officials urged the upgrading of the school to a Junior College. Now, after considerable consideration, we have agreed that if Government permission can now be obtained, we will support the upgrading of the School.

But, even before this was decided, it became evident that more space was needed to house the students, both in hostels and in classrooms. Thus it happens that our third capital project in the Anniversary series is for a Home Science classroom and a dormitory at this School in Jhansi. The sum estimated for this project is $5,000.00. We have sent money to the field for these additions in order to obtain building materials which are increasingly scarce in India in these days. Miss Leask, in her field letter, states that the new rooms which are being built, as second-storey rooms in a dormitory building, are nearing completion.

The Christian Gospel has never been more needed throughout the world than it is to-day. God is giving us opportunities to be His disciples to carry out his task. Here is one in Jhansi, India, which has been, and is, blessed with women as teachers and leaders who before all else put the Lordship of Jesus Christ. If we put Him first, we will share with our prayers and our gifts in this Anniversary Project.

DESIGNATIONS

MISS BARBARA SUZANNE SARJEANT, R.N., P.H.N.

On Wednesday, September 11th, 1963, in Orillia Presbyterian Church, Miss Barbara Suzanne Sarjeant was designated as a Missionary of The Presbyterian Church in Canada; Miss Sarjeant will serve in the Bhil Field in India. The Service of Designation was conducted by the Presbytery of Barrie. The Rev. Eric A. Beggs led the Service of Worship, assisted by Rev. Dr. J. A. MacInnis, retired minister of Orillia, and the Rev. Karl English spoke on the Victories of Faith. The Clerk of Presbytery, the Rev. W. L. Young, narrated the steps of the Act of Designation and the Moderator, the Rev. Charles Townsley conducted the Designation Service. On behalf of the W.M.S. (W.D.), Mrs. A. S. Curr, President, presented Miss Sarjeant with a Bible, in recognition of her appointment to the W.M.S.

The Rev. Dr. William Fitch of Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto, addressed his remarks to the candidate for Designation.

A reception in honour of Miss Sarjeant was held after the service. Representatives of various Organizations in the congregation expressed their good wishes and made presentations. Mrs. E. McClung, President Barrie Presbyterial, also made a presentation.

Miss Sarjeant left for India, September 21st, 1963 and arrived in India, October 1st, 1963.

MISS CATHERINE ANN POLSON, Reg. N.

The service of designation for Miss Catherine Ann Polson was conducted by the Presbytery of East Toronto, in Knox Church, Oshawa, Thursday, June 20th, 1963. Rev. D. R. Sinclair, B.A., Interim-Moderator of the Session of Knox Church, Oshawa, conducted the service of worship. Miss Mary Whale, Executive Director of Overseas Missions, related the steps leading to the request for Designation by the W.S. (W.D.). Rev. David Wotherspoon, M.A., B.D., Moderator of the Presbytery, conducted the Service of Designation. Rev. Dr. William Fitch, M.A., B.D., Ph.D., Minister of Knox Church, Toronto, gave the message to the missionary.

Following the Service of Designation there was a reception for Miss Polson in the church parlours. Mr. Sinclair presided. Representatives of the various organizations in the church expressed their good wishes in a tangible way. Rev. D. A. P. Allen, B.A., Minister of St. Paul's Church, Oshawa and Rev. D. R. Sinclair, B.A., representing St. Luke's Church, Oshawa, made presentations. Rev. D. H. Powell, B.D., expressed the good wishes of the Board of Missions. Miss Polson replied expressing her thanks and stating her feeling that God was calling her to the task abroad. She asked for the prayers of her friends and supporters in Oshawa.

MISS SHIRLEY DREDGE

Relatives and many friends gathered at Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church, Friday, September 6th, 1963 to take part in the Designation Service of Miss Shirley Dredge. The service, which was conducted by the Presbytery of Guelph, also commissioned Miss Dredge as a Missionary in Overseas Service. The Rev. John Shriel, Minister of Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church, conducted the service. The Moderator of the Presbytery of Guelph, the Rev. Michael Vair conducted the Designation Service. Miss Margaret Webster, Principal of Ewart College presented Miss Dredge with the Deaconess Pin. Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of the W.M.S. (W.D.) presented Miss Dredge with a Bible, a gift of the W.M.S. (W.D.) in recognition of appointment to work with the W.M.S. (W.D.). The Moderator, Rev. Michael Vair, on behalf of the Canadian Bible Society, presented Miss Dredge with the Ibo translation of the Bible. Dr. S. Moore Gordon, formerly a missionary in Formosa, brought a very fitting message to the congregation and to the candidate.

Following the Service there was a Social Hour. At this time presentations were made to Miss Dredge on behalf of groups in her home congregation, neighbouring congregations, and the Presbyterial.

THE BESSIE MacMURCHY MEMORIAL FUND

In the September issue of Glad Tidings we announced the formation of a fund in memory of Bessie Margaret MacMurchy, who died June 16th. In consultation with the staff in the Graduate School in Indore, and with our own Bhil Mission Council, it has been decided that monies obtained for this fund will go as a Bursary, to bring to Canada an Indian lady who will be trained to succeed Miss MacMurchy, as Director of the Graduate School of Nursing. The name of the lady who is likely to benefit by such a Bursary is Miss Shila Patras. Miss Patras had been working with Miss MacMurchy in the Graduate School, and it was Miss MacMurchy's hope that some day we might bring her to this country to complete her studies. Through this fund, we will help to perpetuate the service which Miss MacMurchy has given to the Graduate School in Indore.

Contributions may be sent to the Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), Presbyterian Church in Canada and designated for the Bessie MacMurchy Memorial Fund — Room 800; 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1, Ont.

TRIBUTE OF THE BHIL FIELD COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

to

MISS BESSIE MARGARET MacMURCHY, Reg.N., M.Sc.N.

On June 16th, 1963, this Beloved One of our own Missionary Family was taken from our midst, taken from her suffering to the place of rest and joy prepared for her by the One whom she served. At the next meeting of Mission Council, we will be privileged to record our official tribute to this great lady who has been our sister in Christ, but it seemed good to Executive Committee that we should anticipate this in order to be able to voice now the heartfelt sympathy we feel for Bessie's own family. Her going has left us in deep sorrow and with an unutterable sense of loss, and yet mingled with this, is a sense of triumph for her, that she went on and up from the very crest of the wave of accomplishment. The complete dedication of her mind, her talents, her whole person, was so vitally obvious to the end, that we, and countless others, cannot but be inspired to press on in greater faith to experience more of Him who was the source of her strength.

This strength in Bess showed itself in her genuine hospitality, in her amazing thoughtfulness, in her counselling, in her doing so many small deeds of service that most of us 'do not have time for'! She did great and wonderful things, too, which must be recorded, but precious are the memories of her, mirrored in the tears of the women in Jobat as they recall how she served them, how she loved them, how she never forgot them.

—We of the Executive Committee, speaking for every member of the

Bhil Field Mission Council, thank God for the life of Bessie Margaret MacMurchy, M.Sc.N., and for the privilege that has been our's to be associated with her.

THOSE ANNIVERSARIES SOUVENIRS

Now they are really here, and waiting for your Orders to come in — those decorative white Place Mats, bearing the W. M. S. crest in blue and gold at the top; the two dates of our Centenary in large blue figures on either side; "The World For Christ" in blue letters across the bottom; a bordering of gold accenting the scallped edge; and pertinent dates of W. M. S. history centring the whole! These cost 75 cents for fifty; and the Serviettes, bearing the blue W. M. S. Crest, are available at one cent apiece. Both of these you will like to have for Group, or Church, Luncheons or Dinners, or smaller tea-parties. The silver Souvenir spoons, with the W. M. S. Crest in enamel on the handle are ready, too, and they are certainly beautiful. These cost $2.00 each, and will make much-appreciated gifts for many Christmas, Birthday or Anniversary lists, as well as adding to your own collection of interesting mementoes. All may now be ordered through the Publications Department, and wouldn't it be a good idea to have some to display at Sectional and Group Meetings this Fall? Be sure to order early, if you plan to have them at your Meetings!

AUTUMN!

When I behold God's distant hills
Wrapped in their cloak of haze,
With smoky slopes as blue as squills
My heart sings in His praise!

(Selected)

Anniversary Corner

TO: The Women of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

FROM: The Anniversaries' Committee of the W.M.S. (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

1864 1964

WHAT ANNIVERSARIES ARE WE CELEBRATING?

100th Anniversary . . . since the beginning of organized women's work in Montreal.

50th Anniversary . . . since the formation of the W.M.S. (W.D.) through the coming together of the Woman's Missionary Society (Montreal), the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the Women's Home Missionary Society.

WHEN DO WE CELEBRATE?

May 8th, 9th, and 10th, 1964.

WHERE DO WE CELEBRATE?

In Montreal at the Church of St. Andrew's and St. Paul's.

WHO MAY ATTEND?

Any women of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS?

Bible Study—on the theme "The World for Christ" led by Miss Margaret Kennedy of India.

Dramatic Presentation—paying tribute to the past and looking to the future of the women's work in the Church.

Presentation—of the Church's Mission in Canada and Overseas.

Service of Communion.

REGISTRATION FORMS — will be available and will be sent out early in January, 1964, and will be printed in The Glad Tidings. Information in regard to available accommodation will be included with registration forms.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS — Inquire from your local railway office in regard to group rates for travel—the larger the group, the less per person. For those travelling singly we hope to arrange for a Convention-rate ticket.

DON'T FORGET THESE DATES

May 8, 9, 10

PLAN TO BE IN MONTREAL IN 1964!

(Some of the Anniversary Souvenirs which you have requested are now available. Seals will be available, January 1, 1964. See page 14.)

Sharing in Canadian Missions

"EVERY PICTURE TELLS A STORY"

by MR. S. T. ROBINSON

Principal, Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Kenora, Ontario

A FEW DAYS AGO the Rev. Leon Kofod spent a short time at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School taking pictures of students and staff. He has been engaged by the Missionary Education Committee of our Church to take these pictures which, with those taken in other areas, will comprise a pictorial story of our Church's work amongst the Indian people of Canada.

You will, no doubt, in good time have the pleasure of viewing these pictures when they are combined to make a filmstrip, and you will find that every picture tells a story. Together they will tell the story of part of our Church's work in Canada. Individually, they relate the story of an Indian Family, a Reserve, a Missionary, a Congregation, or one of our Residential Schools.

A particular picture, as shown below, of myself and two Grade One boys, will relate a story of this School and the children who are enrolled here. On my left is Reggie.

Mr. Robinson, Reggie and Donald.

He is seven years of age, and was enrolled last year in our Beginners class. He is registered as a Presbyterian. When he came to school he was quite well adjusted, not shy as so many of our new children are. (The first time he met me he ran and jumped up into my arms!) Like so many of the children being enrolled now, he knew quite a number of English words. Reggie's father, Sam, and his mother, Orpha, attended this School over twenty years ago. Sam was an orphan, and he was admitted here at the age of five. This school was the only home he knew until he established his own home with Orpha.

His father, Sam, slept in the same dormitory as Reggie does, and his mother, Orpha, slept where Reggie's sister, Peggy Ann, sleeps now. They had similar experiences with staff and students, but in a day when the School was segregated, and the students were taught to Grade Eight in this building.

When Sam started Grade Nine in 1949 he went to a High School where he knew hardly anyone, and he must have been a very frightened boy that first day in school. He was a keen student and continued on to complete Grade Eleven. He was a valued hockey player and was keenly interested in art and music. While still in High School, he married Orpha who attended school with him. She found life very frustrating, due to her position of being the only Treaty Indian girl in High School. She was a good student and continued on to Grade Ten. They are both professed Christians, and last year Sam was elected the Chief of the Northwest Angle Band. He is capable of making a living in the same manner as his fathers—hunting, trapping, fishing; or in our modern society, where he has worked for several years as a garage worker.

This is Reggie's background. How about Reggie? He is normal for an Indian child, seven years of age in Grade One. It takes the first year for our children to have a good command of their second language, English. This is most important, since we now integrate them in Grade Two. Miss Love, who is our only classroom teacher at the School now, does an excellent job with these little ones. He is keen and very active. His experiences in Residential School will be much more exciting and varied than were his father's. Weekly picture shows, T.V., and the food and clothing the children now receive, were unheard of in his father's day.

Next year Reggie will be in Grade Two, and he will attend the Township School, with about one hundred of his friends from here, who from Grade Two to Eight are integrated into the Township School system. Here he will enjoy the experience of any normal child in the community. Cecilia Jeffrey School will then be his home, but not his School. From this home he will go out to develop socially in integrated sports, and the normal community organizations. In this home he will receive the love and care that Sam and Orpha would give him. He will learn to play and share with others. He will learn of God, as revealed in our Saviour. He will, in good time, be confronted with the claim of Christ, to accept Him as Lord and Saviour.

In all probability Reggie will become "Reg.", and go on to High School where he will know boys and girls, Indian and non-Indian, with whom he has studied and played for seven years. In High School he will not be a stranger as was his father, or the only one, as was his mother. He will be much better adjusted for this new experience, and will be attending that School with forty to sixty other students from this big home. If he is a steady student his final mark in Grade Eight will be slightly higher than the average of his class. Charles, Reggie's older brother, had an 86% average in Grade Seven last year. This will be attained by his own initiative, and also by the consideration and understanding given him by the staff here. Another most important feature of our educational programme is the systematic supervised home study conducted by Miss McGraw, our Teacher Counsellor, which the Grades Four to Eight receive each evening.

Can you dream with me a future for Reg. as I point out towards the world? What is in that world for him? Where is God's place for him? The people at Cecilia Jeffrey, in your name, will endeavour to do your share to guide him into the right way.

On my right in the picture, is Donald. He is about a month older than Reggie. He started school the same day, and was also enrolled last year in the Beginners' Class. He is registered as an Aboriginal (Indian Belief). The day he arrived here, he was very shy and became very upset when his mother left. He knew no English, and we had to depend on his sister Shirley, to interpret for us. (Shirley was then in Grade Two.) If you are interested, he belongs to the NICKICKOUSE-MENECANTING Band. Donald's parents have not had the privilege of attending school for any length of time. They have good minds and are very thoughtful of their children. The father is a good provider and the mother a good housekeeper.

They were a little dubious when they left Shirley for the first time. It was such a new experience for all of them. She was the first to leave home to attend school, and the school seemed such a big place for their little girl. Then there was the matter of religion. Shirley was not to be taught about Jesus. I explained that she would be exposed to the teaching of the Church, and that she would likely come home singing hymns and speaking of Jesus. She would be more frustrated and confused if we kept her from these exercises. When Shirley went home the first Christmas it happened, and I received a letter from her father saying that there was to be "No Church, no Jesus" for Shirley. I assured him that no pressure was put upon any of our children, and that if she had been influenced by what we did or the way we lived, it would only serve to make her loyal and obedient to her parents, and considerate of others, because those were some of the basic principles of our religion. The subject has never been raised again, and last summer Shirley requested a Bible, so that she could read to her people about Jesus. The two children were returned to us this year.

Donald is well-adjusted, and he and Shirley seem very happy here. They are both fairly good students, and Shirley seems quite at home when she starts out each day to the Township School. Donald is a junior and does not have a specific duty around the School, as does Shirley, whose duty this month is to butter bread and toast. Donald will be assigned a duty next year—sweeping stairs, dusting, or carrying out the garbage. All these experiences help them to become a part of the School, and to contribute to the corporate well-being of those who live here.

In Donald we have a boy with a much different background than Reggie. He may be the first Christian in his family. He could be the first in his family to receive a High School education. His future could be similar to that of Reggie. Side by side they may play hockey, attend cubs, scouts, and join together in all the other activities in which they will engage through their period of time here. He in time will become "Don", and will make his way through life with confidence, with the assistance he will receive here at Cecilia Jeffrey. What is there for Don in that world to which I point? We dream again for Don, as we did for Reg.; and pray for God's guidance on their lives.

This is the story told in this picture! The present-day story of a School sixty years old, which has sheltered, instructed, and guided three generations of Indian people, and has influenced a few thousand lives.

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IT MATTERS NOT

"It matters not if I've been hurt;
It matters not at all
That sometimes from my weary eyes
The scalding tear drops fall.
It matters not if cherished friends;
On whom I leaned in vain
Have wounded me by word and deed
And left me with my pain.
What matters is — Can I forgive
Again, and yet again?
It's not, "Have they been true," but
"Lord Have I been true to them?"
'Twill matter not when evening
comes;
How rough the road I've trod,
If only I have walked with Him
And led some soul to God!"

—Selected

COMINGS AND GOINGS

NATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Miss Hilda Blackwell is at present on a study furlough at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia.

Mrs. George Mitchell, Hospital Visitor in Vancouver and New Westminster, has been on leave of absence for some weeks following a coronary. During Mrs. Mitchell's absence, Miss Lily Simpson, Veteran missionary of our staff in India, recently retired, is serving on a part-time basis.

Miss Dorothy Spring is convalescing at her home in Niagara-on-the-Lake following a period of hospitalization. She terminated her work with the Chinese in Victoria at the end of August.

Miss Catherine Watson has been on her study furlough during the period May to August at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Va., and at the University of Western Ontario.

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GREY LACE

Under the storm-swept violet sky
The old trees bend, and they swing and sigh,
As the last little leaves go fluttering by.
The harlequin leaves so pied and gay,
The wind is blowing them all away—
They will soon be as lost as yesterday.
"Summer is over—beauty is gone—
The blue days went with the last bird song,"
So mourn the old trees, deep-rooted and strong.
They do not dream of the beauty they hold—
With their grey lace etched on sunsets of gold!

(Selected)

TRIBUTE OF REMEMBRANCE

Mrs. J. A. Milne, Toronto

(Prepared by Mrs. W. H. Mitchell, of Toronto, who was for many years Welcome and Welfare Secretary and, later, Deaconesses Secretary, on Council Executive, until her resignation in 1945.)

I FIRST MET Mrs. Milne, whose recent death took place in Toronto, at that wonderful and memorable Provincial Meeting of the W. M. S. which was held in London, Ontario, in June 1925. After attending the Provincial Annual Meeting, the Presbyterian women gathered in St. James Presbyterian Church to continue our beloved Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and to elect a slate of Officers. Mrs. Adam Ballantyne, of Toronto, was elected President, and Mrs. J. A. Milne, also of Toronto became First Vice-President.

Owing to Mr. Ballantyne's sudden illness and death, Mrs. Ballantyne was unable to continue in Office. Mrs. Milne, as First Vice-President, took over as President for the balance of that year, and at the next Annual Meeting, was elected to the Presidency of Ontario Provincial. This Office she filled for several years, during which she proved to be an outstandingly able and efficient President, for, to be President of this Organization in those difficult days, following the upheaval of "Church Union", was not an easy task. Many problems arose, but Mrs. Milne faced them courageously and graciously, and soon won the confidence and love of all. After serving the Provincial Board for some years, she was appointed a member of the Council Executive, where she became Secretary for Senior Auxiliaries. Unfortunately, however, she was unable to continue as a member of Council Executive, and her resignation was regretfully accepted.

Mrs. Milne all her life was a devoted W. M. S. worker, regularly attending the W. M. S. Auxiliary of Calvin Presbyterian Church, Toronto, and her presence there will be sadly missed. Until poor health, and the advanced age of 93 years, prevented her, she was always eager and willing to do what she could to advance the work of God's Kingdom. She was one of those valiant women who, in 1925, dauntlessly upheld their beloved Presbyterian Church, and the Women's Missionary Society of that Church, all throughout the time of disruption, and who helped to preserve for us, firm and intact, the foundations of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) to the Presbyterian Church in Canada, as we cherish it today. Truly, "she hath done what she could, and her works do follow her!"

SEND FORTH "THE GOOD NEWS"!

By the Rev. Russell Self, M.A., B.D., M.Th.
Jhansi Mission Field, India.

(*This is the text of the message given by Mr. Self, at the Annual Meeting of Hamilton and London Synodical, in Windsor.*)

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY is basically called into being to publish the glad tidings, which the prophet reminds us are the "good news" of peace, salvation, and the sovereignty of our God. (Ps. 52 - 7) The Psalmist David, in his 68th Psalm, says "The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." (verse 11). As never before, we need this proclamation of the "glad tidings", through the medium of Christian literature. There are three very important reasons why the publishing and sending-forth of Christian Literature is of such strategic significance for effective communication, in the second half of the twentieth century.

1. The population of the world is ten times greater than when Jesus lived on earth. It is now over three billion, and in the next thirty years it will double that. Most of this increase will take place in areas that have little, or no, touch with Christianity. Every twenty-four hours as this globe turns on its axis, the world is increasingly becoming more pagan.

In India, our daily increase of population is equal to Woodstock, Ontario, or to Brandon, Manitoba. There are 20,000 new mouths to feed every day. Most of the countries outside the Western Hemisphere have only one percent, or less, of a Christian population. We must equip the "laos", the people of God, with effective means to multiply their witness. The printed page can penetrate where Missionaries cannot go. The printed page can be like the five loaves and two fishes. Dedicated to Jesus Christ, it can multiply as it is given out by His disciples. What other way can we reach these "exploding masses"?

2. It is estimated that approximately half of the world cannot read or write. But this condition is rapidly changing. Dr. Frank Laubach says that there are about 100,000 new literates each year. This number each year would become potential inquirers to the Christian message, if we had sufficient and suitable material in print. Without a doubt, it is "a suppliers' market". The demand is staggering. We just have not measured up to the demand in publishing Christian Literature.

In India, there are over 450,000,000 people, but only one in four is literate. More than 50% of the ballots of the largest democracy in the world are marked by a thumb-print! But Prime Minister Nehru has determined that this condition shall not remain. In our third Five-Year-Plan, 125,000 new schools will be built, on every level of education. At present we have a group of University students, equal to the population of Toronto, attending our 47 Universities in India.

What is the most effective way to reach these students? Let me quote Nik Cavell, who knows more about Foreign Aid than any other living Canadian. As a business man, soldier, and diplomat, he has lived much of his life in Asia. For seven years he headed our Colombo Plan programme. Writing in the April issue of MacLean's Magazine, he says—

"We are neglecting another very important means of communication. The Communists flood the newly-free countries with books in local languages. I have, for instance, seen exhibitions of books which cleverly incorporate communist doctrines into children's stories. It is almost impossible to find similar books from the free world. I once asked the head of a University why his students were so thoroughly indoctrinated in Communism. His reply was to take me on a tour of the Book Shops surrounding his campus. They were full of books printed in communist countries, and in local languages — beautifully bound, and at extremely low prices. Asian students have very little money, and a great thirst for books."

3. In the world of today the accent is on Youth. In India, 50% of the population is below 25 years. In South America, over half of the population is below 20 years. Singapore has upwards of 60%, below 20; 80% of the million odd refugees in Hong Kong, are under 18 years. There is an inquiring mind amongst the youth of the world. Newly acquired national freedom; uprooting caused by urbanization trends; and materialism through the emphasis of industrialism in the under-developed countries, creates an unprecedented opportunity for Christian communication by means of the printed page. The insatiable thirst for education amongst youth, marks them as the leaders of tomorrow.

The United Bible Societies report the highest sales yet of Scriptures—30,000,000, in 1962. Christian Correspondence Courses, unheard of fifteen years ago, in South-East Asia have a spiralling popularity with non-Christian youth, especially at the College level.

If the W. M. S. is to forcefully help in sending forth these "glad tidings" of redemption and release, in a way commensurate with the challenge, there will need to be an expanded budget, and personnel released for creating materials for Christian Literature, Literature Evangelism, and for Christian Education. An evaluation check-list might be to follow the "Double A B C's" — "Aware of needs and alert to the possibilities of literature; Broad in experience and bold enough to try new things in literature; Committed to the Lord, and competent in the skills of communication through literature."

(*Note — Our readers will be glad to know that in the Annual Estimate,* *the sum of* $12,900 *was set aside for Christian Literature, in* 1963, *and similar sums have been granted from W. M. S. funds for the past twenty years. These Grants go to India*; *Formosa; British Guiana; Africa; for Chinese Literature*; *Koreans in Japan*; *Latin America*; *for French, Hungarian and Italian Literature in Canada*; *for World Christian Books; the Africa S. S. Curriculum; the British and Foreign Bible Society; and many other Christian literature outlets. Gifts for Christian Literature should be earmarked for Christian Literature and sent to the W. M. S. Treasurer, Room* 800-100 *Adelaide St. W., Toronto* 1. (*Ed.*))

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NEWS FROM CECILIA JEFFREY SCHOOL!

Dear Friends:—

We would like to share with you some of our joyful experiences. The health of the children has been good. Due to the large enrollment in the public schools, our children are integrated in three township Schools. We have some day pupils attending our Special Class, from the McKenzie Portage Indian Day School.

In the Spring, a number of our pupils participated in the Music Festival, and brought honour to our School. The Girls' Choir was invited to First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, for the Morning Service on May 6th, and to St. John's Presbyterian Church for the Evening Service. In Kenora, they sang in First Presbyterian Church on several occasions, and also at a Home and School Conference.

For mid-week Groups, we have C.G.I.T.; Explorers! C.O.C.; Air Cadets; Scouts and Cubs. These Groups are all held on Wesdnesday evenings. On Sunday, we have Chapel Service in the morning, and Sunday School in the afternoon. The Rev. J. D. Marnoch teaches the senior boys and girls, and we were pleased to see his class of twenty-four uniting with the Church at the Easter Communion last year. A short Vesper Service is held each evening between the Junior and Senior Home Study Periods.

We are always glad to welcome visitors to our School. We had a number of surprise visits from our friends, but would like to see you all. Among these visitors were the last two Moderators of General Assembly. His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor, and Mrs. Keiller Mackay spent an evening with the Presbyterians. They visited the new Friendship House, and then came to the School for the Reception. They said the highlight of their visit to Kenora was going around the Junior Girls Dormitory and looking upon all the little ones sleeping. The Choir sang for them, and also served refreshments. Sincerely yours, Helen Ross.

In Remembrance

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"READ . . . THAT YOU MAY UNDERSTAND"

by MISS MAY NUTT

Assistant in the Adult Department

"AMY, did you read the article in last night's paper about India?" asked Joan as she poured herself a cup of coffee in preparation for a chat with her neighbour. "I was completely shocked by some of the statements the writer made."

"Well," said Amy, "after preparing the study on India for our group Wednesday night, I'm not at all surprised. You know Joan, very few of us really read enough about the countries we are studying to be informed."

"This is all right for you to say — but you have more time than many of us for reading."

"Oh, I wouldn't say that! The boys keep me pretty busy, but I really enjoy reading, after they're off to bed at night and Jack's frequently out for the evening. I sometimes read a bit in the morning too, just before I do up the breakfast dishes — over my second cup of coffee. I think when material is interesting we make time for it. Why, I had a wonderful time reading the Resource Material and helping plan a Programme for our Group, including quite a number of different things than are in the suggested outline."

"But Amy, do you find those books really interesting? Or do you just read them because you need background for a Programme?"

"Oh, I don't read them because I have to! Why I could hardly lay down 'Take My Hands', the biography of a wonderful Indian Christian Doctor called Mary Verghese, once I started it. Did you know that shortly after she graduated in medicine she was involved in an accident and became a paraplegic, but with Christian dedication, reconstructed her life and learned to perform delicate hand and face operations while seated in a wheel chair? I was pleased that the Study introduced me to such a fascinating book. As I read I became more and more interested in the Indian people."

"Well, it must have been absorbing, but does it have anything to do with the Study?"

"Oh, yes it certainly does — it gave me a vivid picture of the life and thoughts of Indian Christians and led me to read the little book 'What Really Counts', which gives an interesting account of the thoughts of Young Asians on major issues. We are going to use it in connection with the Study. Our Committee decided that for the second study we would give a brief outline of the history of our Mission Fields in India in a flip chart form, and then think of the problems posed, under the heading, 'Eastern versus Western Christianity', in 'What Really Counts,' with regard to forms of worship in the Church in India. After all, one of the results of our Missionaries being in India is this very problem. I'll be very interested in how our Group will react to the diverse statements of young Indian Theological Students, some of whom are clinging to the Western forms, while others long to adapt the familiar to the new-found Christian faith. In the book one says — 'The Christian religion is different from other religions,' . . . 'It is wrong to water it down. The Christian is not afraid of his God, and he doesn't have to bow and scrape like the Hindu when he prays. I think we should bow humbly before God, but I don't think the God of Christ wants us to get down before him like worms.'— while the other replies — 'I see nothing wrong with prostrating oneself in prayer. Nobody in India stood or sat to pray until the custom was imported by Western Christians.' " (From "What Really Counts" page 90.)

"After the discussion, the Group is planning to use the Outline for Worship suggested — with the addition of the poem 'Invocation' as a call to worship, from the lovely book of poems and prayers 'The Cross is Lifted' by Devanesen, another Indian Christian. I think the Worship should have more meaning to each of us, after this study and discussion."

"You know Amy, hearing you talk about these books has enthused even me — perhaps it would be a good idea to have a Resource Book reviewed briefly at each meeting. Others might be encouraged just as I have been. We have quite a good library of Resource Books in our Group but I don't think they are used very often."

"You may be right, Joan! Let's suggest it," said Amy. "I do hope the other girls will find these books as interesting as I have — I'm sure, at some point, one Programme Group will be able to use 'This Is Our Life'. It's not a very large book — only sixteen pages, but it gives you a clear picture of life in an Indian village, as it tells how a Missionary couple and their family moved into the village and lived in a little mud hut similar to the villagers' huts. Their influence on the lives of the villagers, as they saw a Christian community in their midst, was powerful. It has just struck me, as I've been talking, that this might well be used during the study on Evangelism. I think too, I'll take a copy of it along to Mrs. Jones when I visit her — she's not able to be out to the meetings, but she's so interested in the work of the group."

"Do you still have the copy of 'Take My Hands', Amy? I'd like to read it."

"I'm going to ask the Public Library to make it available, so you can get it there. I'm looking forward in the weeks ahead to reading 'Christian Issues in Southern Asia' by Devanandan — it should be interesting and informative. You know, with all the stress on Adult Education these days its too bad we don't take advantage of the opportunities for reading and study that are afforded to us by the Church."

"I'll let you know how I feel about that after I finish 'Take My Hands' —I really must dash now, Amy—thanks for the coffee."

(*Note*: *For additional Resource Books see books listed on the back cover of this magazine and in the pamphlet "Programme Planning Helps for Adult Groups,* 1963-64" *sent to secretaries of adult groups.*)

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Your Prayers are asked

—For all who participate in study programmes in Children's, Youth, and Adult Groups, that through their programmes they may come to a more sympathetic understanding of the people in Southern Asia and the Changing City.

—For all members and leaders of Groups, that as they study and work together, they may be led to pray for and serve with their fellow Christians around the world.

—For our Missionary, Miss Grace Lee, who is serving among the Chinese in Victoria, B.C. that she may be given strength and blessed in her every endeavour. Also for those who are assisting Miss Lee that they may be challenged to greater service at this time.

—For our Missionary, Miss Shelia Stephens, serving in the Presbytery of Hamilton. Let us give thanks for those who have been strengthened in their faith through her witness.

—For the staff and students, and especially for the Tibetan children, in the Helen MacDonald School. Pray that the love of Jesus Christ may be made a living, vital thing to all those who labour and learn in this place.

—For the Church in Formosa that it may be constantly under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that through its leaders and the members it may reach out to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to those who are seeking to know our Lord and Saviour in the Island of Formosa.

Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

THE JOURNEY By Dorothy Clarke Wilson

So little is known about the boyhood of Jesus, and so little that is really good has come from the pens of Authors about those early days when Jesus was a little boy, living at Nazareth with his parents, that it is a joy to tell you about this splendid book, written by the well-known Author, who wrote "Dr. Ida", and the beautiful biography of Dr. Mary Verghese, "Take My Hands", which we recently reviewed. This interesting novel recreates the story of Jesus as he might have been as a twelve-year-old lad, and something of what might have happened on his first journey away from home — to the wonderful Holy City of Jerusalem, when he found his way to the Temple, and was left behind when Joseph and Mary started back to Nazareth with the Caravan. It is a compelling story—how He was found by His parents still in earnest discourse with the Rabbis, who were intently listening to his surprising wisdom and understanding of the Scriptures; how He went back home to Nazareth, where, the Scriptures tell us "He grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man". A very fine book indeed, and interesting to all ages. Price — $3.25

THE TENTMAKERS. By Roy L. Smith

This is Dr. Smith's first book of Biblical fiction, and he has drawn upon carefully-authenticated incidents and descriptions of a most significant era, the days when the Apostle Paul was in Corinth, and there came into close contact with Aquila, and his wife Priscilla, who were tentmakers. In fact, Paul, a stranger and needing employment, became a worker in Aquila's tentmaking shop, knowing that these young people had fled from Rome to Corinth. It is fiction, of course, but it is so beautifully told that we feel a part of that small world, wherein Paul tells Aquila and Priscilla of his conversion to Christianity, and because they believe and join Paul in his earnest enthusiasm and deep conviction — slowly and surely the Corinthian Church emerges into being. These early Christians were so filled with the joy of the Gospel truths that they never ceased to share this wonderful story — only 112 pages in all, but filled with interest and worth. Small line drawings at the beginning of each chapter lend additional interest. Price — $1.10, paper.

THE MERCIES OF GOD

This small book is quite different to other books of Devotions. Much of it is written in poetic form, and each one of the 84 Meditations is based on the twelfth Chapter of Romans — that wonderful Epistle which proclaims "the mercies of God". In this Chapter, there are seven natural divisions, and on each of these divisions the Author has developed twelve Devotions. These are arranged under these Headings — "The Mercies of God", "The Renewal of Your mind"; "Members One Of Another"; "Having Gifts — Let Us Use Them"; Let Love Be Genuine"; "Be Constant In Prayer"; "Live In Harmony". The poetry is beautiful, for the writer is considered to be "one of the most popular poets and Christian Authors writing today". She has published many books of Devotional Verse, and for her first volume was awarded the Poetry Prize awarded by the National League of American Pen Women. An invaluable book either for personal or group use. Price $1.95

PRAYERS FOR MEN. By Walter L. Cook

The 72 Prayers in this small book of 80 pages, which easily slips into a pocket, or briefcase, have been written especially to deal with the many problems with which men are faced in their day-to-day living. There is help here for individual needs, and there is real help and inspiration for the man-in-a-group, who, when called upon to lead in Prayer, finds himself at a loss in expressing himself. I haven't seen a collection of Devotional Prayers of quite this type before, and feel that it may fill a real need. Price — $1.35

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CHARTING A COURSE!

The Teen-Age Years — and the W.M.S.

by (MRS. WILLIAM) RHODA GEGGIE

THIS SUMMER we went houseboating. It was a new and strange experience for us. And we were complete greenhorns! We knew very little, aside from a rudimentary knowledge of charts and hearsay knowledge of red and black markers and buoys. We were completely lacking in experience.

We started at Rice Lake and travelled through the rivers, lakes and locks of the Trent Canal System. Going through the first few locks we were clumsy and inept, and our lack of experience showed plainly. However, we learned quickly, of necessity, and by our second day out we had begun to eliminate many of our previous mistakes. We learned to approach the locks slowly, to make allowances for wind, to judge distances a little better and to watch the far horizon for the necessary channel markers.

One afternoon, as we were crossing Buckhorn Lake, a very strong wind came up, and, as luck would have it, caught us broadside and caused us to roll from side to side. With the wind lashing the water about, we somehow missed our red and black markers, and there was a period when we were really not too certain just where we were headed. But after what seemed a long, long time, we sighted a snug little bay. When we negotiated the turn and came into the slightly less choppy water of the bay, we saw a very pleasant Lodge with a dock and gasoline pumps, so we headed for it.

Now what has all this to do with C.G.I.T.—Teenager work—and the W.M.S.? Well, about that time I had been thinking a good deal about the relationship of the W.M.S. to the youth work in our congregations, and while I knew that most W.M.S. groups took some interest in these Groups, still I felt there must be some special part for the W.M.S. women to play. That evening, after we had docked, it came to me what that special part is. It is up to us to chart the course — to provide the channel markers.

Teenagers are willing and anxious to go full steam ahead into most any project, but they need to have their energies and their talents directed into the right channels. They need to be kept from the rocky places where their poor judgment and inexperience might take them. They need to be guided from the weedy patches of indecision. And they need to know that always there is a snug harbour where comfort and kindness and help are ready and waiting. Yes, it is up to us to chart the course. But how do we go about it?

Well, first of all, find out what provisions are made for the youth in your congregation. Is there a Sunday Study Class, Fellowship Group, C.G.I.T., Tuxis, Scouts? Talk with your Ministers, Deaconess, Chairman of the Christian Education Committee, and the Church School Superintendent, and see if any of these groups *should* be formed. Evaluate the situation first and then chart your course together.

Once your course is set and you know where you're headed, there are some channel markers needed. The very first one — and perhaps the most important — is just plain INTEREST. Let your interest be known. Attend any Special Meetings to which you may be invited—Youth planning meetings—Youth Church Services. If your congregation has a special Missionary Service or Family Service, suggest that teenagers be invited to share in the planning, and not just invited to attend or take up the offering.

Does your Girls' Group have an Affiliation Service? This brings them into the W.M.S. family, and helps them to realize that they are part of a great and strong organization, and not just some struggling little Group on the outskirts of the Mission Outreach of the congregation. Your W.M.S. Group might even care to provide the Affiliation Badges. The Service for the New Senior C.G.I.T. Girl (Lanyard Service) as she becomes 15, is very impressive and can be a milestone in a girl's life. What happens to the girls who leave C.G.I.T. at 17? Does your congregation recognize these girls, and do you see that they leave only C.G.I.T., and not the congregation?

Another channel marker might be ASSISTANCE. Is your teenage group adequately staffed? Is the leader an active W.M.S. member? If not, have you ever asked her to join with you? If her time is limited, and a good leader will be busy, do you invite her to the W.M.S. special events? Have you ever offered assistance? Sometimes, it is terribly difficult to get someone to play the piano or lend a hand with handcrafts. Sometimes the leader has other commitments and what can she do? Cancel the meeting? Or does she know that if she contacts the W.M.S. someone will come to her aid? Does the leader receive the Glad Tidings? Could your group send her a subscription?

Another marker on the channel might be financial aid. But don't overdo this. Most teenagers like to be independent. And yet there are times when a little monetary assistance is helpful. Craft materials cost a good deal, and it is not always possible for the girls to supply their own. In fact, it is not always possible for the girls to supply their own middies. Have you ever considered setting up a middy-loan cupboard? Do you supply the group with the Mission Study packet and the extra resource material? There are many methods of marking the channel!

The odd grey hair is beginning to show, but I can still remember my extreme indignation with Sunday School teachers and other leaders who "bossed" us. Don't expect to be popular by attending one or two meetings, and then telling all the things that were wrong. And don't tell them how they really should be conducting themselves or their programme. Yes, POINTING THE WAY would be another channel marker, but this had better be done by example than by mere words if it is to be effective:

"The lectures you deliver may be very wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do.
I may not understand the high advice that you may give,
But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live!"

In our Church, we have a closing dinner for the C.O.C., Explorers, and C.G.I.T. together with the W.M.S. members. They help to provide the food and they share with us in the washing up — and that can be important!

Yes, it really is up to us, as W.M.S. members, to chart the course and mark the channel — by example, by interest, by financial assistance, and by our physical assistance. For these teenagers of today are most surely going to be the Church women of tomorrow, if we but channel their interests and energies and talents and help to keep them out of rough water. All of us learn from experience — by trial and error. As W.M.S. women let us help our teenage groups. They'll make mistakes — so did we —but our interest and support will keep them on their course. Let us chart a course and mark it well!

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Boys and Girls!

THE BITE OF THE CROCODILE

by JANE CLIFFORD

PART II

RAMA AWOKE to find himself in strange surroundings. The hospital bed with its snow-white sheets and soft pillow seemed as if he were floating on a cloud. When he tried to move, the stiffness in his arm reminded him of the accident. He felt no pain, but his right arm was swathed in white bandages, and felt numb and heavy.

A Nurse came to his side and told him that he was very fortunate to have escaped so lightly. His arm was ripped from elbow to wrist, but the wound, though deep, was clean and would soon heal.

"When can I go home?" asked Rama. "I must go, because my mother is ill and needs me to care for her." The Nurse explained that they had sent to tell his mother where he was, and that she, too, was to receive treatment which would make her strong again.

Rama was very happy in the hospital. He was well cared for, and every day the Nurses and Doctors would gather in the ward and read from a book which told how God loved all men everywhere so much that He sent His own Son to live among them.

"We try to be like Jesus," they said, "because it is in His Name that we opened this hospital to heal those who are hurt."

"If you are like Jesus," said Rama, "then I want to be like Him too."

Rama's arm soon healed, and he was able to go home. He was sorry to leave all his new friends in the hospital, but glad to be going back to his own village. The Nurse who had cared for Rama gave him a copy of the Book containing the story of Jesus, though Rama could not read it for himself.

It was a few days later when the same Nurse was astonished to find a battered, frightened, boy standing in the doorway. She hardly recognized Rama.

"Whatever has happened to you?"

"It's the crocodile!" sobbed Rama.

"What, another one?" The marks on Rama's bruised and bleeding head did not look like those made by a crocodile's teeth.

"No, the same one! He's still inside me. Only you can let him out. Please open my arm again and let him out!" Then he went on to tell what had happened.

The people in the village had been amazed at Rama's speedy recovery. They said that because his arm had healed so quickly, it meant that the spirit of the crocodile had entered into the boy, and was still within him. Everyone was afraid of him. His pals would no longer play with him, but ran away whenever he appeared. "We don't want to be bitten by a crocodile," they jeered.

"But I can't bite. I'm no crocodile, but your old friend Rama."

"Ha, Ha! Listen to him! He'd try to deceive us, and then when we were within reach he'd snap at us."

Rama's own father wouldn't have him back, and the boy had hidden in the forest. There they had chased him, and threatened to throw him in the river where he belonged. In the end, they had tied him to a tree and hit him over the head with clubs, to drive out the spirit — as they said — of the crocodile. They had left him there, but Rama's mother had crept out to him. She cut his bonds and he had run all the way back to the hospital, begging — "You healed my arm; now heal my spirit and drive out the crocodile so that I can be a boy again."

Rama was taken in, and given work to do in the hospital. He loved to help the Nurses, to carry round the trays of bandages, and to talk to the patients. In time he did indeed have a new spirit in him, but it was the spirit of Jesus. He learned to read, and was able to take part in the Services in the wards. He watched the Nurses and Doctors carefully, and became so useful to them that they asked him if he would like to train to be a Doctor himself. It meant many years of hard study for Rama. He is now in charge of the Mission Hospital, where he loves to heal those who need his help.

Rama looks back with thankfulness to the day when he took his mother's washing to the river, and was bitten by the crocodile. Beside his bed, there stands a little carved crocodile to remind him that, if he had not been injured by the sharp teeth of the king of the river, he would not have come to the Mission Hospital, nor ever have known the spirit of Jesus, which is the source of all his skill and strength.

Back in Rama's village they say that he has indeed got a new spirit within him — a spirit which has healed many wounded lives.

(From World Friends)

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FIFTY YEARS AGO!

(*These excerpts are taken from the Annual Report of the Publications Committee, given at the Annual Meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society in St. James Square Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on June* 5, 1913.)

"THE REPORT of the Publication Committee of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society cannot be given without an expression of thankfulness for the help given by those who are no longer able to take part in active work; for those who are now actively helping; and for those who have been called to the presence of the Master to receive the promised award. We remember the eighteen years of zealous and faithful service given by Mrs. Agnes Telfer to the upbuilding of this Department of our work. Only those who have been fellow workers in the beginnings of the Society could realize what a help she has been.

It was before the time of such multiplicity of helpful leaflets and books as we have had during the past decade. During Mrs. Telfer's time of office, nearly six thousand dollars was poured into the treasury of the Society through the proceeds of this Department. Shall we not give thanks for such large gifts of life and service; and also for each individual who by the "grace of readiness" gives the service of her time to collecting the small subscription price, and each month attends to the distribution of the magazine? Each month a faithful band gathers to address the wrappers for the "The Foreign Missionary Tidings," and to count and parcel them—no small task, when we realize the number to be handled is 27,000! The parcels contain any number from 1 to 325. The cordial thanks of the Board are here recorded to these ladies!

The branch of the Department in Winnipeg, under Mrs. Creighton, has had a successful year, the sales amounting to $215.50. Westminster Church has given a room for this work, which is a great convenience. The opportunity was taken, after the Annual Meeting in Vancouver, to stock the branch desired at the Coast. The Kitsilano Church has given space for this work, and Mrs. W. B. Thornton is in charge. Westminster Presbyterial shared with the Publications Department in providing the necessary equipment. While each branch keeps a supply of Study Books and leaflets, published by our own Society, mite boxes, envelopes, etc., and other books, require to be ordered with the knowledge that they may have to be sent from Headquarters, as, with the small working balance in the hands of the Secretary, no supply is kept; books are ordered as needs are made known.

From American Boards we have purchased 18 Leaflets, some bearing on the Study Book, as well as Home Life Leaflets, Catechisms and Mission Band exercises. We also purchased two Leaflets from the Canadian Women's Missionary Society. "China's New Day", a book of exceptional interest, was studied very generally; 2,375 copies were purchased; also 275 copies of the Junior Book, "The Young China Hunters"; and 200 "How To Study". The Committee regrets that the supply of the latter was inadequate to the demand.

5000 Prayer cards; 13,000 Leaflets on the free list; 14,000 Leaflets on the pay list, were reprinted; 8300 Mite Boxes; 53,500 Thank-Offering Envelopes, and 23,800 Thank-Offering Leaflets were issued.

The total receipts from the subscriptions to the "Foreign Missionary Tidings", at fifteen cents a year, amount to $3,813.04; from the sale of Literature, $1,604.72; 29 subscriptions to "Everyland", and 38 subscriptions to the "Missionary Review", as well as a few to the "Message", have passed through the Office. 3,420 letters were received and filed, 340 Life Memberships have been engrossed and sent out in response to requests.

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THE WORD FOR TODAY

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(*Dr. Gordon, is the Author of the remarkable book "Through The Valley of the Kwai", which he wrote as the result of his experiences as a prisoner-of-war in a Japanese prison camp in the jungle of Thailand. Their special task was to build a railroad through to Burma — a railroad which came to be known as "the Railroad of Death", because at least 64 of these prisoners of war laid down their lives for every mile of it — a railroad, however, which proved to be for this young Agnostic, as for many of his comrades, the "Railroad of Life", because God found them there and brought their hearts to Him.*)

THE BIBLE is always relevant. It is as relevant today as it was for our forefathers of the early Church. Scientific and philosophical works become dated and old-fashioned. What is it, then, about the Bible that makes it as important for the man of the twentieth century as the man of the first?

Simply this:—that it tells us of God's dealings with the children of His creation and redemption. God does not grow old; neither do the things of the spirit that belong to Him. God, and man's dependance on Him, never change from one generation to another. What is unique about man is that he was created for fellowship with his Creator. Fallen though man is, God loves him and comes seeking him.

In my book *THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE KWAI,* I have told the story of how God reached down into the condition of despair and degradation we were experiencing, as prisoners of war of the Japanese in the jungle of Thailand, as we built a railroad through it to Burma. This railroad was known as the Railroad of Death because every mile of it cost the lives of 64 prisoners of war and 240 Southeast Asians. But it was also the Railroad of Life for many of us. God found us even in the shadows of death.

One ex-prisoner told me that after he had experienced the grace of God he longed desperately for a Bible. There was none in his camp so he had to wait a long time until his wish was realized. "This," he commented, "was the greatest deprivation of all."

In the camp where I was at Chungkai we were much better off. A young Scottish soldier from Aberdeen had organized a lending library of Bibles. These he had inherited from men who had died. Daily, he hobbled along through the huts, giving out his Bibles for the sick men who were there in such numbers. Whenever one group had finished their reading, he would pick up his Bibles and go on to the next group, until he had covered the whole hospital area.

Jock was desperately ill himself, but he kept going on with his self-appointed task of "Word-Bearer" until his Master summoned him home. He was a simple lad by worldly standards, but I am sure he received a king's welcome. For him the trumpets would blow with no uncertain sound.

When I think of him I can still see him limping along carrying a rice-sack full of Bibles over his shoulder.

"Here's the word for today", I can hear him say as he handed out the Bibles with a kindly smile. Jock was right. "Here's the Word for today," because it is God's Word.

Many people allow themselves to be defeated by the events of life in this confused age, because they never take time to hear what God has to say. The bombastic utterances of power mad dictators are given priority in our newspapers and too often in our lives. If the words of such men were the only news, then we would have every reason to suffer from failure of nerve and the paralysis of the will. There is other news, however, the Good News of God in Christ, toward which the Old Covenant points, and of which the New Covenant proclaims. This is the good news of the "Comrade God" who has promised to be with us always.

No matter how hard the journey may be, He prepares a table for us even in the presence of our enemies. What is more, He prepares a way for us that is the way of eternal life.

Shortly after my release from prison camp, I was flown into Rangoon. One of my men met me in the hospital where I had been taken. "Wait a minute," he said, "I'm going to get something for you." He soon returned to hand me a new Bible. "Here," he said, "I talked a chaplain out of this for you! I knew you'd want it. We'll need it as much as we ever did in the jungle."

The Book that was relevant for our captivity was also relevant for our freedom: for it is the Message of life now and always.

(Courtesy of The Bible Society Record.)

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KOOTENAY PRESBYTERIAL — The *Cranbrook* Evening Guild of the W. M. S., welcomed Miss Dixie Kee, Camp Leader to a recent Meeting, when the concluding

Study on "The Rim of East Asia" was given by the Programme Convener, Mrs. Albert Henderson. A comprehensive Report of the Annual Council Meetings, in *Toronto,* was given by Mrs. D. W. Dow, who had represented this Presbyterial. Mrs. Dow, Presbyterial Historian, reported her visits to the W. M. S. Auxiliaries in *Trail, Creston,* and *Kimberley.*

Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of W.M.S. work in *Canada,* Kootenay Presbyterial held a successful Summer Camp at *Lake Wasa,* the General Convener of this first W.M.S. Camp in B. C. being the Presbyterial President, Mrs. Douglas Jarrett. Sessions were held in the spacious Lounge of the Camp, and Miss Lily Simpson, Reg. N., of *Vancouver,* recently retired from her many years of service on the *Jhansi Field, India,* conducted Morning Devotionals in the outdoor Chapel. Wearing her colourful sari, she gave interesting highlights of her work among the *Bhil* people, and displayed beautiful souvenirs of *India,* given her by Indian fellow-workers. Mrs. G. Mitchell, *Trail,* reported the W.M.S. Training Centre held in Luther College, *Regina,* and the *Cranbrook* W.M.S. Evening Guild, enacted an Auxiliary Meeting of the 1890's, showing the extent of the early work of the W.M.S. Prepared by the Historian, Miss Sybil White, *Vancouver,* a display of pictures and stories of the history of W.M.S. work in *British Columbia* proved of great interest, as did the display of Explorer material, arranged by Mrs. Ranger, of *Kimberley.*

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL—The Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver,* held a Dessert-Luncheon in honour of their Home Helpers, at the beautiful home and garden of Mrs. G. W. Gartshore, in Quilchena Crescent *Vancouver,* when Mrs. G. M. Bell, Home Helpers Convener, welcomed the guests. Luncheon was served by Mrs. O. R. Hannah, Social Convener, and her Assistants, after which Mrs. Bell gave an interesting Talk on her recent trip to *Europe* and *Britain.* This social get-together was greatly enjoyed, and gave members and their guests an opportunity to become better acquainted with one another.

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PRINCE ALBERT PRESBYTERIAL—The members of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Tisdale, Sask.,* held their Meeting at the home of Mrs. George Hill. Mrs. F. Glazier, the Delegate from *Prince Albert* Presbyterial to the Annual Council Meeting in *Toronto,* gave a very comprehensive and informative Report of the Council Sessions. The

Devotional Period was conducted by Mrs. A. Angus, Mrs. A. McConnell, and Mrs. L. Cresswell, and a Life Membership was presented to Mrs. Sam McFarland, by Mrs. E. Beatty, on behalf of the Auxiliary. Mrs. McFarland has been a faithful member of this Auxiliary for twenty-one years. An Hour of Social Fellowship followed.

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SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL—The Nellie Tweedie Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Geraldton,* met at the home of Mrs. John Burns, with President, Mrs. J. Nelson, presiding. The Worship Service was led by Mrs. C. J. Murray and Mrs. John Burns, and a Panel Discussion on *Korea,* and the *Koreans in Japan,* followed, with Mrs. C. M. Smith, Mrs. W. Makkreal, and Mrs. John Burns participating. Mrs. J. Nelson, on behalf of the Auxiliary presented a Life Membership to Mrs. K. Marsh, who with her family, will now make her home in *Kirkland Lake.* Mrs. Marsh has been an active worker in the W.M.S. Auxiliary, the Friendship Club, and the Sunday School, and she and her family will be greatly missed in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Geraldton.*

It was announced that the Fall Rally of Superior Presbyterial will be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Geraldton,* this year. At the Social Hour, refreshments were served by the Hostess, Mrs. John Burns, assisted by Mrs. C. J. Murray and Mrs. C. M. Smith.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL—In honour of Mrs. R. Denholm, who recently retired as House Mother of *Winnipeg* Fellowship House, members of *Winnipeg* Presbyterial gathered at the home of Mrs. F. Lloyd Jones, Past President of *Winnipeg* Presbyterial for a Farewell Reception. Mrs. Denholm and her husband are leaving for an extended holiday in *Scotland.* Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon, President of *Winnipeg* Presbyterial, on behalf of the members present, presented a gift to Mrs. Denholm. Refreshments were served, and a social hour of fellowship enjoyed.

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CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL—The Ellen Douglas Evening W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Windsor,* celebrated their 25th Anniversary, with an Evening Tea, when President, Mrs. James Stephen, assisted by Mrs. G. T. M. Bryan, and Mrs. Andrew Inglis, welcomed many guests. Charter members present were Mrs. E. C. Scott; Mrs. Fred Murray, and Mrs.

Lorne Kettlewell. Mrs. James Stephen gave the Auxiliary History, noting that it was named in honour of Miss Ellen Douglas, then a Missionary in *India* and now serving in *British Columbia,* and that the late Mrs. W. E. Stauth, and Mrs. George MacDonald organized this Group in 1938. Flowers were placed in the Church in memory of Mrs. Stauth, as they are each year since her death in 1952. Miss Douglas is also remembered on her birthday each year by the Auxiliary. Mrs. Nelson McKelvie was Soloist, and Misses Sally Inglis and Jackie Butler sang a duet. Former Presidents, Mrs. James Prince; Mrs. George Woods; Mrs. Lorne Kettlewell, and Mrs. James Barrow, presided at the Tea-Table. Proceeds of the Tea will be a donation to the W.M.S. Anniversaries Fund.

The Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Windsor,* presented Mrs. D. D. Douthart with a Life Membership in recognition of her faithful service and devotion to her Church and her Auxiliary. Mrs. F. A. Biddle made the Presentation.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — The Jean Bailey W.M.S. Auxiliary of Southgate Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* at a special meeting, made a presentation to Mrs. C. E. Dougan, in appreciation of her Presidency for the past two years. Mrs. J. T. MacKay expressed the regret of the Auxiliary that Dr. and Mrs. Dougan were now taking service in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Windsor,* where Dr. Dougan will be Visiting Pastor.

The Rev. J. Alan Munro, M.C., B.A., D.D., Home Mission Secretary, the General Board of Missions, *Toronto,* was Guest Speaker at the joint Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Groups of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton,* and spoke on "Maturity In Missions". Mrs. J. Darling was Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. A. F. Stewart. Mrs. J. Woodley conducted the Devotional Service, assisted by Mrs. B. Connell, Mrs. G. Dunham, Mrs. M. Weaver, Mrs. L. Murray, and Mrs. Walter Allum.

Mrs. J. Douglas presided when the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Strathcona Presbyterian Church held their Annual Tea. Mrs. Bailey, wife of the Rev. T. M. Bailey, the Minister of Southgate Presbyterian Church, *Hamilton* was Guest Speaker, and showed interesting slides as she spoke on a recent trip to the *Holy Land.* Scripture reading and prayer were led by Mrs. O. Broadbent. Many friends and neighbours were present, and a Social Hour was enjoyed.

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. J. K. West, *St. Thomas,* was Guest Speaker at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. George's Presbyterian Church, *London,* when more than fifty guests were present from Knollwood, Elmwood, and Chalmers Auxiliaries, also the C.G.I.T. and the Explorer Groups of this Church, with their Leaders. Guests were welcomed by Mrs. Russell Gordon, and Devotions were conducted by members of Knollwood W.M.S. Auxiliary. Mrs. W. A. McNiven presided. Mrs. J. S. McLaren introduced the Speaker, who spoke on "The First Easter." The C.G.I.T. Quartette — Eve Williams, Kathie Seaton; Deann Kilbourn; Pat Kirkey — sang, accompanied by Mrs. A. J. Clifton. Mrs. L. C. MacDonald thanked the Speaker.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Teeswater,* and this Presbyterial, has lost a valued member in the recent death of Mrs. Guthrie Reid, a Past President of this W.M.S. Auxiliary, active in all the Organizations of her Church, and a Past President of *Maitland* Presbyterial. Sympathy is extended to her family, her Church, and her many friends.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Dunnville* Presbyterian Church, held a joint Meeting with the Dr. Margaret Strang W.M.S. Auxiliary, when the film "The Rim of Asia" was shown, and a Missionary Skit — "The Islands Between"—was enjoyed. Miss Helen Harkley modelled the different costumes. Discussion followed, on methods of helping these people of the Far East. At their February Meeting, this Group studied "Korea, Koreans in Japan, and Their Churches." Current Events included the story of a Sister Church in New Jersey, U.S.A., whose members contribute regularly one dollar for every dollar spent on their own local needs — around $15,000 contributed from one small frame Church, with dedicated members! At the following Meeting, the Auxiliary studied *Hong Kong,* and received much publicity from the daily press. They also uphold and encourage Leaders, and members of their local C.O.C.; Explorers; and C.G.I.T. Groups.

Members of the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Colborne,* were guests at the Thank-Offering Meeting of the Rosalind Goforth W.M.S. Auxiliary of that Church, when the film "Missions To A Minority" was shown by Mrs. Eric Russell. Mrs. E. W. Spencer, President of *Niagara* Presbyterial also spoke, and Solos were contributed by Mrs. Harry Little, and Mrs. Wray Knisly. Mrs. L. E. Bartlett, and her Group conducted the Worship Service. Literature used by the Auxiliary for work with the Junior Congregation was displayed by Mrs. L. E. Bartlett, Superintendent of this Department. A Social Hour followed.

PARIS PRESBYTERIAL—Mothers, and W.M.S. members, attended the Affiliation Service of the C.G.I.T. Group of *Paris* Presbyterian Church when Mrs. Kenneth Rayner conducted the Service, assisted by Miss Shirley Bryant, and Miss Carol Hilborn. Mrs. Wm. Whittaker presented the Affiliation Badges, and Miss Beatrice Inksater brought greetings from the Alexander MacKenzie W.M.S. Auxiliary. The film Youth and Church Vocations" was shown, and a gift of $40.00 was presented to the Treasurer for W.M.S. work.

At Knox Presbyterian Church, *Brantford,* Mrs. Kenneth Rayner, Girls' Work Secretary, of *Paris* Presbyterial, spoke at the C.G.I.T. Affiliation Service, and stressed the varied aspects of C.G.I.T. work. The Service was conducted by Leader, Mrs. G. D. Smith, assisted by Janet Jennings; Susan Peppler; Sharon Miller; and Linda Teakals. The film "Formosa" was shown, and the girls showed their Project Display, based on the Year's Study. Eleven C.G.I.T. members received Service Badges and Affiliation Cards, presented by Mrs. Rayner. A cheque for W.M.S. work was presented to Mrs. Rayner from the Group.

Members of the W.M.S. Auxiliary, and the Ladies' Aid Society, of Alexandra Presbyterian Church, *Brantford,* held a joint Reception to honour Mrs. John B. McTaggart, who is now leaving *Brantford* to live in *Simcoe*. Mrs. McTaggart has been a member of these Groups for over forty years, and has made an outstanding contribution to both of them. Mrs. A. M. Wilson, on behalf of the Ladies' Aid Society, presented a pin to Mrs. McTaggart, and a tapestry bag, presented by Mrs. George Brunsden, was the parting gift of the Auxiliary.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERIAL — When the W.M.S. Auxiliary of *Avonton* Presbyterian Church celebrated their 75th Anniversary recently, Mrs. Allan Rush, of *London,* and formerly of *Avonton,* was Guest Speaker. Her Mother, Mrs. Newton Hill, was one of the first Presidents of this Group, organized in 1888, and very active in all W.M.S. work.

Presbyterial Greetings were brought by Mrs. T. L. Scott, and the Rev. Wm. Weir, of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Stratford* presented Presbytery Greetings. The Service of Remembrance was conducted by Mrs. Jeffrey Ballantyne, and Mrs. Roy Thompson, and a musical selection was given by the Quartette—Mrs. Adam Bell; Mrs. Jack Matheson; Mrs. Oliver Stacey; and Mrs. Clarence Kerslake. Letters of congratulation were read by Mrs. James Smith.

The Historical Report told of the Organization of this Group by the Rev. D. Gordon of *Harrington,* with 20 members forming an Auxiliary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, and reported the June Conference held at *Avonton* in 1921, with 500 women present, and the Auxiliaries of *Avonton, Avonbank, Motherwell,* and *Carlingford,* the Hostess Groups. The Birthday Cake was cut by the oldest Auxiliary member, Mrs. George A. Armstrong of *Stratford.*

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BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL—The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Midland*, has experienced a great loss in the recent death of Mrs. J. M. Wallace, a resident of *Midland* for 75 years and active in W.M.S. work all her life. For many years she was Supply Secretary on *Barrie* Presbyterial, and at the time of her death was an Honorary Member of this Presbyterial.

EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL—The Designation of Miss Catherine Polson, as a Missionary Nurse, by the Presbytery of East Toronto, took place in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Oshawa*, with the Interim Moderator, the Rev. D. R. Sinclair, conducting the Service. Miss Polson was presented for Designation by Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Executive Director of Overseas Missions on Council Executive of the W.M.S. The Rev. William Fitch, D.D. of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Toronto*, delivered the Charge, and the Rev. D. C. Wotherspoon, Moderator of Presbytery, conducted the Act of Designation. At the Reception following, Mrs. Val Harvey presented Miss Polson with gifts of a camera, picnic hamper, and purse of money; the Rev. Derek Allan presented a gift of money from the Session of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church; and Mrs. D. Sinclair made a presentation from the Women's Groups. Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of the Women's Missionary Society, (W.D.), presented a Bible to Miss Polson; and Mrs. Malcolm McGregor presented a Life Membership and Pin from the W.M.S. Auxiliaries of Knox Presbyterian Church.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — The 48th Annual Meetings of the three Sections of West Toronto Presbyterial were held as follows:

Section 1 convened in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, *Port Credit*, when the Guest Speaker, Mrs. John A. Newstead, Chairman of the Overseas Committee, told of the needs and opportunities of the Overseas Mission Fields. Mrs. S. A. Milne gave an account of the volunteer work done by women of the Presbyterian Churches in this Presbyterial in the Canteen of the Ontario Hospital, *Toronto*.

Section II, meeting in the Presbyterian Church, *Norval*, heard Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Executive Director of Overseas Missions, tell of her recent visits to *British Guiana, Hong Kong*, and *India*, and give an interesting account of W.M.S. work in these lands.

Section III met in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Nobleton*, when the Rev. G. K. Agar spoke, and Mrs. Russell Self, the Guest Speaker, in her Address on her work in *India* made an earnest appeal for gifts of Christian Literature.

Mrs. John C. McFarlane, President of West Toronto Presbyterial, brought Official Greetings to each of these Sectional Meetings.

A Dessert Luncheon, at which Mrs. H. S. Evans and her Group were the Hostesses, preceded the Opening Fall Meeting of the Janet Geggie Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, *Toronto*. The many guests were welcomed by Mrs. H. S. Evans, Mrs. Julia MacDonald, and President, Mrs. O. J. Davies, and Mrs. Wilbur Dolson poured tea. At the Meeting following, Mrs. A. J. Davies, President, occupied the Chair, and the Devotional Period was given by Mrs. W. R. Henderson, Mrs. Julia MacDonald, and Mrs. H. S. Evans. Mrs. D. A. Mowat was Pianist, and a specially welcome guest was a former member, Mrs. Albert Wheeler, of *Milton,* Ont.

Miss Hazell Davis, Deaconess for Down-Town Mission Work for West Toronto Presbytery, with headquarters at Bonar Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* where an extensive Programme is in progress, was Guest Speaker. She gave a moving and revealing picture of her work, as she seeks to touch with the outreach of the Church, the many different Nationalities and peoples, within the "Inner City", which lies all about us in these changing times, both in our Churches and our homes, and where lonely and needy people so greatly need, and yearn for, the warmth of acceptance, fellowship, understanding, and help, of the Christian Church and its members. Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry, introduced the Speaker, and Mrs. McLean presented the Vote of Thanks.

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All Programmes were well attended, and, as a result, greater interest is now evident in the Anniversaries' Years Celebrations in 1964. Generous Offerings given at each Programme have helped to swell the Anniversaries' Fund.

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To us a Son is given;
Him shall the tribes of earth obey;
Him all the hosts of Heaven!"
(John Morrison — 1750-98, Scottish Paraphrase)

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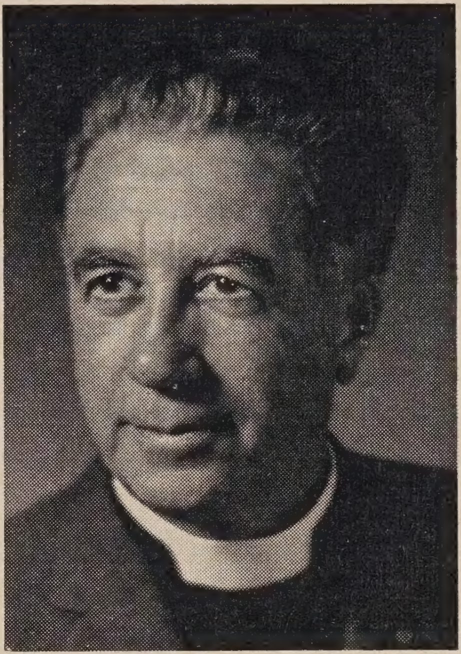


"JOY TO THE WORLD"

by

the Rev. HARRY LENNOX, C.D., B.A., D.D.

Moderator of the 89th General Assembly
Presbyterian Church in Canada

(*Dr. Lennox is the Minister of Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, B.C., which, during his ministry of* 26 *years, has grown from a small suburban Church to be the largest Presbyterian Church in Vancouver. He is the son of a Presbyterian Minister, the Rev. John Lennox, and when he graduated from Knox College in* 1925, (*the controversial time of "union"*), *of the graduating class of thirteen, he was one of the four young men who remained firmly with the Presbyterian Church in Canada, which he has served so ably ever since.*)

FOR A MULTITUDE of people, this is the season of joy. It will be a time of gay parties; family reunions; turkey dinners with all the trimmings; the giving and receiving of presents; the providing for, and delivering of, hampers to the needy; and, of course, to make it all authentic, there will be the Church Services, the Oratorios by the Choirs, and the singing of the old Christmas Carols. I have one of the carols specially in mind for our Christmas message—"JOY TO THE WORLD"—that great hymn of Isaac Watts, based on the ninety-third Psalm. We are called to make room for Him in our hearts so that we may sing. All nature is to repeat the song; and the reason? Because "the Lord is come!" And because He *is* come, every one of us can know that sins, and sorrows, and thorns, may be mastered.

If we miss that, all our joyous festivity is a mere passing shadow, lacking any real substance, and we do so easily forget, don't we? Yes, the joy of the season soon fades before the realities of our daily living.

To come to know and experience the real joy of the Holy Season is to have discovered why the Christ Child came, and there are so many, even of the best of us, who fail to find it. We readily agree that it shows us the love of God our Father, but do we ever ask *why* His love for us came to be so revealed? Do you not remember the pronouncement of the angel to Joseph—"And she (Mary) shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins?" He did come, fulfilling the prophesy, and, so soon afterwards, following the three short years of his ministry, he was despised, rejected of men, crucified, fulfilling another more ancient prophesy—"he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and by his stripes we are healed." Then, to make the story of Christ's coming complete, there is the triumph of the third day, and the glorious assurance that He is alive forevermore.

The true good cheer, the real joy, is a thing of more than the body, and a Christmas of feasting is a mockery and a sham, unless it be, also, a Christmas of peace and goodwill. Those who have learned this, know that the best way to shorten the winter of the earth, the reign of sorrow and pain, is to prolong Christmas, and let it reign through all the everydays of life. That is a glorious point to reach.

The wondrous mystery of it all is beyond our finite human comprehension, but the glorious fact of it has been evidenced in the lives of so many, who have come to know Him as their Saviour and Lord.

It is my earnest hope and prayer that this Christmas we all might come to understand, through our own personal experience, the real reason for the "glad tidings of great joy." This surely is the great need of each of us, the great need of the Church of the living God in all its branches, and of this branch of the Church through which it is our privilege to serve—The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Let us keep the joy of Christmas by proclaiming the purpose of His coming, and by showing to all men that we have opened our hearts to receive Him. Then, by the power of His indwelling Spirit, there will be new power to convict, a new flame burning in our hearts, and we will know again the joy of proclaiming the message "with signs following."

May the real message of the angel to the shepherds find lodging in all our hearts—"I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

"Joy to the world — the Lord is Come!"

PRAYER

by MISS CATHERINE WATSON

Deaconess, Tyndale House, Presbytery of Montreal, Que.

O God, at this special season of the Church year, we bow before Thee, mindful of Thy greatness, and Thy great love toward us. We have sinned, and fallen short of what Thou expected of us, as we live on this earth day by day. We turn to Thee for forgiveness for all our sins, with the knowledge that Thou wilt forgive. By walking close to Thee, may we follow more fully Thy desire for us, and withdraw from our sinful ways to a fuller Christian life.

We thank Thee, O God, for Thy love, which Thou hast for all mankind. We are thankful for the gift Thou gavest to earth so many years ago — that of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. Each Christmas season, as we celebrate His birth, may we remember afresh Thy great love.

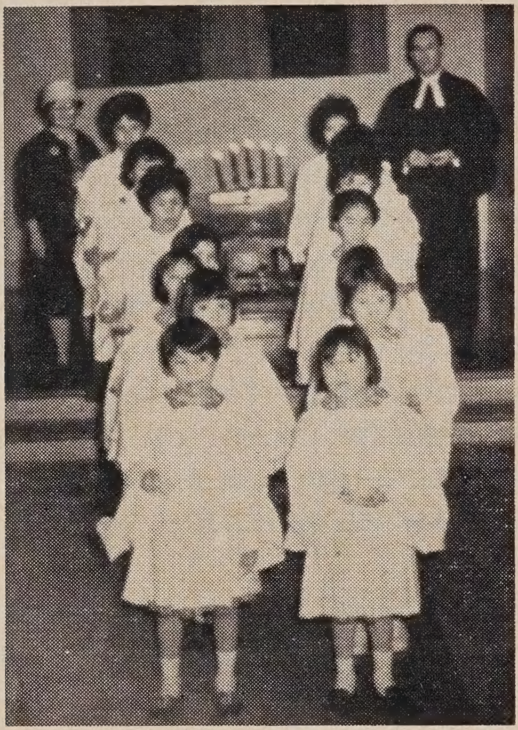
We pray for those who, sometime in the past, have felt this love, but have, through the recent years, forgotten about it, and have wandered away from Thy embrace. May they be led to realize what they have done, and be led back to Thee and to Thy fold.

We pray for those who faithfully follow Thee daily — those in the individual congregations through-out the world, and those who have gone to the various parts of the world, in Canada and the other countries, to bring Thy love to those living in darkness. May they continually find in Thee companionship, comfort, light, and love. May they continue to serve Thee through thought, word and deed, as Thou dost direct them. May they, in their various ways of serving, be Thy messengers here upon earth.

We pray for those who are young in the Christian faith. May the joy that they know, in being followers of Thine, continue. Grant them strength, we pray, to stand up for what they believe as they face persecutions. May their witness lead others to Thee.

O God, our Heavenly Father, at this Christmas time, may Thy love penetrate into men's hearts. May it continue to live there through the years, so that the world may become a place of peace and universal love. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE-LIGHTING SERVICE AT CECILIA JEFFREY RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL — 1962



Mrs. Curr, President of Council, was visiting the School last year at Christmas time, and spoke to the children. The Rev. J. D. Marnoch, B.A., Chaplain of the School, and Mrs. Curr are shown on the platform.

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CANDLES!

I will light candles this Christmas—
Candles of Joy, to dispel all sadness;
Candles of Hope, where despair keeps watch;
Candles of Courage, for fears ever present;
Candles of Peace, for tempest-tossed days;
Candles of Graces, to ease heavy burdens;
Candles of Love, to inspire all my living;
Candles, these, to burn all the year long!

(Howard Thurston)

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Montreal and Ottawa	27,815.79	26,512.79
	140,398.64	151,657.60
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	$145,749.94	$159,693.46

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Overseas Missions	121,674.63
Organization	34,888.13
Publications	11,631.61
Administration	20,406.46
Insurance and Taxes	1,025.86
Students	950.00
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Synodical Grants	1,225.00
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Medical Insurance for Staff	1,813.75
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	295,057.14
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	$297,782.38

OPERATION CHRISTMAS

by (MRS. W. B.) LOREEN E. LEATHERDALE,

Hospital Visitor for the City of Montreal

"HERE WE ARE, Sir; put your gifts on the long table just inside the door! I shall go and fetch the rest of the things. You will find Mrs. Leatherdale and her helpers busy at work." With these words of instruction, the genial Church Officer had deposited his big box; nodded in our direction; left his companion, and was off down the double flight of stairs before I could reach the entrance-way to greet them.

I knew that our visitor was the newly inducted Minister of one of our Presbyterian Churches, as he had telephoned that he would come and bring the contributions made the previous Sunday, at the White Gift Service. His congregation had been faithful in this project for a number of years. He looked about with an unmistakable air of amazement as he walked toward me with his hand outstretched. "This place is like a shipping room in a large departmental store!" he exclaimed in effect, and went on to say, "I had no idea the Church had such a programme."

"Operation Christmas" had been going forward for weeks. By the kindness of the Halls Committee of First Presbyterian Church, storage space, throughout the year, is shared, in a small closet-like room, by the Supply Committee of the Montreal Presbyterial, Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), and the Hospital Visitor. Early in November, the work centre is set up with table space that skirts the top-story gallery for receiving, sorting, wrapping, and making gifts ready for delivery. In an overall glance, our visitor had taken in the long tables surrounding the gallery — some were lined with double rows of shopping bags that numbered about 300, already bulging with gifts; another held large open cartons, partly packed for children, with all kinds of toys and presents plainly visible through their cellophane wrappings; one was covered with hampers containing glass jars of sweets, jelly or jam, boxes of biscuits, and two crates of oranges; offsetting these were the work tables strewn with articles to be gift wrapped, and the necessary wrappings, where two volunteer helpers were carrying on diligently. Little wonder such a scene stirred the imagination of one seeing it for the first time!

How well I remember when my first Yuletide as Hospital Visitor had drawn nigh. I was empty-handed! I had gone about my visiting with the hope that I would receive "the little things" that I had been told would come to me. After prayerful thought, I had sent word home for a box of cedar branches, sprigs of evergreens and pine cones, to make tray favours, corsages and boutonniers to distribute as tangible and seasonal expressions of love and good wishes, as I endeavoured to spread cheer and bring happiness to those hospitalized at Christmas.

But, lo! In the fulness of time came the "Manna from Heaven." There is no other name for this manifestation of the out-pouring of love that has never ceased to come; first in White Gifts, then in other forms, in ever increasing quantity from many sources. The wonder of it all makes one humble and thankful. "God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)

The shopping bags, with name-cards attached, are set up in alphabetical order, according to the prepared lists of men and women in the various hospitals and nursing homes, to facilitate the work of packing and delivering. The printed greeting "Joyous Christmas from The Presbyterian Church in Canada," on the gold seal, edged in green holly and red berries, on every gift card, is taken to heart. The card is treasured by the grateful receiver as a keep-sake, along with the seasonal folder that is clipped inside the bag, which is a further identification of the giver and brings a Gospel message with good wishes from the Women's Missionary Society, and the Hospital Visitor.

Much could be written about the happiness experienced by the grateful receivers. Great joy and peace came to a patient in the mental hospital upon receipt of "The Glad Tidings," and the contents of her gift bag. She had heard of the "adoption" programme being undertaken by the Women's Auxiliary, whereby a volunteer would endeavour to befriend a patient who had no visitors. She had been quite receptive to me on rounds. Her assurance had come; she had been adopted by the Church and felt secure in God's care and keeping. "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption . . ." (Romans 8:15) she had quoted, when she wrote conveying thanks.

One must know one's patients and shut-in ones, to meet their needs and make their gifts personal. As the result of long hours of visiting, lists of names with helpful information are prepared ahead of time, and kept up-to-date, until deliveries are made, so that all the men, women and children within my ministration will be remembered. All who are packing must be watchful, ever referring to lists, to know those bed-fast, up-and-about, diabetic, blind, arthritic, amputees, and who uses a wheel chair, etc.

"Special gifts" are kept in mind, when selections are being made to add to those articles, that go in every bag such as:—face cloth and soap, kleenex, note-paper, box of biscuits - oranges, etc. It may be "food" for thought — a book for the diabetic, a tin of sea-food for the blind man from the Atlantic coast; knitted knee-throw and foam rubber cushion for the amputee, and the patient in the wheel chair.

One arthritic patient, who was almost helpless, continues to live on in my memory, like so many others. She had delight in her little china ornaments that covered her bedside table in the Infirmary Home. Every morning she would dust each one, and place them carefully in a box come night, as a helpful exercise for her hands. How she hoped for a "dog" to complete her animal collection! "I will call it 'Reenie' after you," she had promised coyly. It was still on my "to-get" list with time running out. Imagine my surprise, when checking white gifts, to unwrap a parcel, which didn't reveal a clue to its contents, to behold on top of a fancy box of talcum powder, a china dog! I believe 'special gifts,' even a wee china dog, do not come by chance. There is much evidence that the Holy Spirit is at work.

Where children are, one shares the wonderful world of Christmas. The patients at The Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children of different races and creeds, who range in age from infancy to sixteen, are best known to me. Some stay for long periods. They all look for me on Sunday afternoons, and are eager to receive the Gospel leaflets illustrated to convey the story. We talk about the baby Jesus, God's gift to us, at Christmas. For weeks ahead, in classes, they sing carols and practise to portray, as best they can, the Nativity for their Christmas Concert. They help to put up decorations, and like to see the glass partitions of their cubicles painted with scenes depicting Santa Claus and the Yuletide. How excited they get in anticipation of their presents!

Large cartons of toys and assorted gifts, including useful articles of clothing, are sent to a number of Hospitals to be shared among children. They are distributed in various ways, mostly by Santa Claus, himself, who pays them a visit and hands things out from his pack. Christmas morning in a small hospital, one little boy of a poor family, able to be about, hurried to the office of the medical Social Worker on the same floor to show his presents, which, incidentally, she had made ready for him the night before, from gifts that I had sent. "Look what I got!" he called out with delight. "I think I should come here again next Christmas."

We praise God for all those who help in this "labour of love" in any way, to spread happiness and bring joy that abides to those within my ministration. Jesus' coming to earth revealed God's love for mankind. In all humbleness, I praise Him that by His grace He has used me to proclaim that love.

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THOSE ANNIVERSARIES SOUVENIRS

Now they are really here, and orders are swiftly coming in — those decorative white Place Mats, bearing the W. M. S. crest in blue and gold at the top; the two dates of our Centenary in large blue figures on either side; "The World For Christ" in blue letters across the bottom; a bordering of gold accenting the scalloped edge; and pertinent dates of W. M. S. history centring the whole! These cost 75 cents for fifty; and the Serviettes, bearing the blue W. M. S. Crest, are available at one cent apiece. Both of these you will like to have for Group, or Church, Luncheons or Dinners, or smaller tea-parties. The silver Souvenir spoons, with the W. M. S. Crest in enamel on the handle are ready, too, and they are certainly beautiful. These cost $2.00 each, and will make much-appreciated gifts for many Christmas, Birthday or Anniversary lists, as well as adding to your own collection of interesting mementoes. All may be ordered through the Publications Department, and wouldn't it be a good idea to have some to display at Sectional and Group Meetings this Fall? Be sure to order early, if you plan to have them at your Meetings!

A QUIET TIME!

Let Christmas be a quiet time,
A holy time of year
When everybody worships, and God
And Peace, and Joy, are near!
Let Christmas be a loving time
When hearts are open wide
To make the world one brotherhood,
Where Jesus may abide!

(Author Unknown)

HOW'S YOUR "P.R."?

by ELLEN V. HAW

Chairman, Anniversaries' Committee

EACH ADULT MEMBER of the Women's Missionary Society has individual responsibility to be a "Public Relations" agent. We are just about to enter the year which will mark the 100th Anniversary of organized effort on the part of women in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and we should be telling everyone about it.

Many things have been happening recently to keep the members of the Society well informed—Mrs. Stewart and others have presented interesting historical information through this page; special anniversary presentations have been made all across the country at group and area meetings; and the Anniversaries' Committee has endeavoured to keep the Society informed of plans for the May 1964 celebrations. Two copies of a bulletin giving pertinent information about the Montreal meetings have been mailed to each group, and registration folders will be sent out before long. If this information is not presented in your group, please ask about it.

All of these efforts toward good communications with the members of the Society, it is hoped, will also help to accomplish what was originally agreed to be the special anniversary project of the Organization Department, ". . . that our aim should be to stress need for well informed individual members who could and would interest others in the Mission of the Church, and thus increase the number of women concerned for all of the Church's work."

Having well-informed members is very important, but it is equally important that those members should become good publicity agents, whose aim is to inform all women of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and to encourage them toward active participation in the total mission of the church.

You are not empty handed as you take on this job of public relations. Do all of the women of your congregation and your friends know that the motto of the Society is—

"THE WORLD FOR CHRIST?"

Have you told them that the purpose of the Society is —

> "To unite the women, girls, and children of the Church, in prayer, study and service for the advancement of the Kingdom of God at home and abroad."

Why not make a collection of the

articles which have appeared on this special Anniversary Page and use the material in a meeting to which you invite all the women of your church?

Elsewhere in this issue of The Glad Tidings, you will see reference to the special Anniversary items which are now on sale—place mats, serviettes, spoons. These "props" will be of great help in drawing attention to the Society and its work. Make use of the place mats and serviettes at congregational gatherings and in your own home. Plan to use the spoons as gifts. Attractive seals will be offered for sale early in 1964, and these can be used in many different ways—for correspondence, place cards, envelopes, announcements, and invitations.

It is not the custom within the church to embark on great advertising campaigns. However, we all know the effectiveness of good advertising in getting a point across, or a product image in the minds of the public. If each member of the Society would take serious responsibility for good "P.R." work, there would be no difficulty in getting out of the static condition in which we find ourselves in membership count and resources to carry on the ever-increasing amount of work entrusted to us.

Each member of the Society is in a position to inform and interest others in the work it is our privilege to do. The main emphasis should be to encourage all the women of the church to share in the total mission of the church, which is to take the good news of Christ's redeeming love to all of God's people wherever they may be — next door or in far away places.

Over the years, women of the church have assumed larger and larger responsibilities. It should be expected that we will always have increased demands to meet. Let us renew interest and re-double effort in order that the work may be strengthened. Toward this end, each member of the Society has definite responsibility.

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A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

O God —
To Whom glory is sung in the highest
While on earth peace is proclaimed
Among men of good will;
Grant that same good will
To us Thy servants;
Cleanse us from evil, and
Give peace to all Thy people;
Through Thy mercy, O Blessed Lord,
Who didst live and govern all things,
World without end. Amen.

(Mozarabic Liturgy, Seventh Century)

In Remembrance

NAME	CHURCH	PRESBYTERIAL
Miss Pearl Johnson	Presbyterian, Orillia	Barrie
Mrs. A. H. Eaton	Knox, Neepawa	Brandon
Mrs. Mary Varey	Grace, Calgary	Calgary
Mrs. Mary Green	Grace, Calgary	Calgary
Mrs. Arthur Wood	Grace, Calgary	Calgary
Mrs. V. L. Hawkes	Grace, Calgary	Calgary
Mrs. R. L. Freeman	Grace, Calgary	Calgary
Mrs. J. C. McLean-Bell	Grace, Calgary	Calgary
Mrs. Hugh Ferguson	Calvin, Toronto	East Toronto
Mrs. Fred Turner	First, Edmonton	Edmonton
Mrs. A. Nelson	Central, Galt	Guelph
Mrs. F. Barlow	Central, Galt	Guelph
Mrs. Mary Louise MacGregor	St. Andrew's, Lancaster	Glengarry
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Miss M. Waters	St. Andrew's, Belleville	Kingston
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Mrs. Alexander MacGregor	Presbyterian, Lachute	Montreal
Miss Annie McKenzie	Presbyterian, West Adelaide	Sarnia
Miss Jane McKinlay	St. Andrew's, Sarnia	Sarnia
Mrs. L. G. VanValkenburg	St. James, Forest	Sarnia
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Mrs. J. N. Wallace	Knox, Oakville	West Toronto
Miss Theresa Anderton	Runnymede, Toronto	West Toronto
Miss Wilhelmina Blair	Kerrisdale, Vancouver	Westminster

THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE

by PAULINE BROWN, Reg. N.

of the Bhil Field, India

KUSUM IS only four years old but already much has happened to her. And those of us who know her, and her family, thank God for the way in which He worked, and is working, in their midst.

Kusum's father first came to ask our help for his wife. He didn't want to talk about her illness, and finally we told him that she would have to come herself. After several days the couple appeared, and then we knew the reason for her fear, and reluctance to show herself. Kusum's mother was a leper.

Although approximately two million people are receiving treatment for this disease in India, among the Bhils it has been the custom to bury lepers alive. To some extent this custom has "died out" but in one of the villages where we have Clinics a Christian friend told us that one of her relatives—an old man — had been buried (alive) just a few years ago. So it is little wonder that Kusum's mother was not too keen to admit having this disease.

It took much persuasion to impress upon our patient that the only place for her would be the Leper Home in a town approximately ninety miles distant. This leprosarium, run by the United Church of Canada, and in charge of a fine couple, houses some fifty people suffering from leprosy. The patients live in separate rooms, and while undergoing treatment, those who are able work in the fields, gardens, or orchards. One of the greatest deterring factors to this woman's going was that she would not be able to take her baby with her. This is one of the rules of the institution, for the dangers of infecting children are many. However, she finally consented to go, and so we took her to Dhar, where she was admitted to the leprosarium.

Back home in Mendha, Kusum's father was doing his best to care for his few-month's-old daughter, but finding it very difficult. Work in the fields; in the home; doing his own, plus that of his absent partner, left him little time for his daughter. He took Kusum to a sister's home, then put her in the charge of a sister-in-law, but each time he had to bring her to the dispensary for help. With improper feeding and care, and in unsatisfactory surroundings, the baby's health was greatly undermined. The poor father became quite distracted, for it seemed as though Kusum just could not survive. Her weight was not even half of what it should be, she had diarrhoea, was definitely malnourished, and thus a perfect potential victim of all its attendent complications.

Finally the conclusion was reached that the best place for Kusum would be the Babies' Home in Amkhut. Naturally it was a difficult decision for the father to make, but he knew that this was the only place for her, where she would have constant, good care. When those in charge of the Babies' Home agreed to take Kusum, her father, accompanied by one of his senior relatives, and a member of the village council, came to sign the release for Kusum.

Poor Kusum had had a rough time during the preceding months, and the ordeal wasn't quite over. She had yet to spend approximately three months as a patient in the Pediatric Ward of Jobat Hospital, where she became the pet of the nursing staff, before she finally went to her new home at Amkhut.

She has been in Amkhut for over three years now, and will soon be starting to pre-school nursery. She is a solemn little girl, very sweet, but so shy. Her father comes to see her quite often, but now he has another wife and new family, and so is busy. Kusum's mother is still at the leper home, and probably will be for some years to come. In the meantime Kusum is growing to be quite a young lady, learning to sing, play games, and one day we hope that she will learn to love Jesus, and give her heart and life to Him.

For Christmas Eve — A Prayer

O Lord, there sit apart in lonely places,
At this, the gladdest time of all the year,
Some stricken ones with sad and weary faces
To whom the thought of Christmas brings no cheer.
For these, O Father, our petition hear,
And send the pitying Christ-Child very near.

And there are tempted souls this night, still waging
Such desperate warfare with all evil powers.
Anthems of peace, while the dread strife is raging,
Sound but a mockery through their midnight hours.
For these, O Father, our petition hear,
And send Thy tempted, sinless Christ-Child very near.

Lord, some sit by lonely hearthstones sobbing,
Who feel this night all earthly love denied,
Who hear but dirges in the loud bell's throbbing
For loved ones lost who blessed last Christmastide.
For these, O Father, our petition hear,
And send the loving Christ-Child very near."

(The Glad Tidings — 1930)

Christmas Service of Worship

Prepared by (MRS. RONALD) KATHLEEN A. ROWAT
President, Montreal Presbyterial

Call to Worship—"Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

Invocation—Lord, teach us to worship Thee this day, with the simplicity and faith of the shepherds who knelt at the manger that first Christmas eve. May our hearts be filled with the same glory that lit the sky that night when the angels sang Thy praises, and may we, too, praise and glorify Thee with our lips and in our lives. Amen.

Opening Hymn—No. 171 "Hark the heralds angels sing". (three verses)

Leader—Luke 2:1-8; 15-20.

"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David): to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen as it was told unto them."

Meditation—

"No room in the inn" — No room for the Lord of glory; no room for God's great gift to the world! We can hardly blame the inn-keeper, who was probably distracted with the situation of a house filled to capacity, and who probably had had many such requests even though he had "no vacancy". At least he did not turn away from Mary and Joseph in their need. He was not so preoccupied with the business of the hour that he did not take time to see that they had a roof over their heads, and a shelter from the night, little dreaming of the honour that was his of having God's son born on **his** premises, because he took the time to offer what he had, poor though it was.

What of the shepherds? We read that, after they saw the heavenly vision and heard the message of the angels, they "hastened to Bethlehem". I wonder if they all went, or if there were one or two who thought their sheep were too important to leave; or could it be that there was one who could not be bothered making the effort of a trip into the town, after a hard day's work?

These questions come to our mind because human nature has been the same through all generations, and there will always be those who are too busy or too preoccupied with their own comfort to take the time, or make the effort, to come and worship Him "Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men". As Christmas time approaches once more, it behoves us to examine ourselves in the light of these questions.

I have no doubt that, if there were such men among the group of shepherds, they were probably frightened and impressed by the angelic chorus, but not enough to do something about it. How many of us will take part in the Christmas services; will enjoy the beautiful music on radio and television and in our churches; but will it be, as the hymn puts it, "hearts that far from Thee were straying, while in prayer we bowed the knee"? Ask most housewives and mothers what Christmas means to them, and the majority will have to confess it is a time of hectic activity, of days filled to capacity with things that must be done. "No room" in our days to worship Him whose birth we celebrate!

What of those of us whose hearts soar with delight at the music, the good fellowship, the glow of Christmas, but, when these fade, will we continue to demonstrate, in our lives and by our service, how grateful we are for this great act of God's love? Notice, too, what the shepherds did, when they had seen the Christ child. They immediately "made known abroad" what they had heard and seen. This should be the natural reaction of those of us who have heard the heavenly music, and with the eyes of faith have seen Christ. We should indeed make it known abroad "in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth".

"Dear Christ, how lonely Thou must be at Christmas time,
Watching the shoppers on the crowded street;
So few there are who can one moment find
In which to lay some treasure at Thy feet!

And yet I think that, like some selfless mother,
Finding her pleasure in her children's glee,
Thou dost smile down upon our childish doings,
Still yearning that our hearts might turn to Thee.

O patient Christ, Thy love shall yet enthrone us
Up from the lower things of sense and time;
Dear patient Christ, Thy leading yet shall woo us
Unto Thyself and to the life sublime."

(Bishop R. S. Cushman)

Prayer—O loving Christ, open wide our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit this Christmas time, that we may receive Thee into our lives with joy. Transform us by Thine in-dwelling Presence, that in the days to come no task, done for Thee, may be too lowly; no burden be too heavy; and no sacrifice prove too costly. May the true meaning of Thy coming into the world of our salvation light within us such a flame of sacred love that its warmth may be felt by each life we touch. For Thine own glory we ask this. Amen.

Closing Hymn—No. 169 vs. 1, 3, 4. "O little town of Bethlehem".

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Your Prayers are asked

—For our National Missionaries across Canada, that, as the Christmas Season approaches, they may be inspired anew to interpret Christ's love, and to make very real, to all whom they serve, how the greatest Gift the world has ever known challenges each one to a new responsibility in stewardship.

—For the work of the Christian Church in Nigeria, that it may be an instrument used of God in the development of the country. Pray that those who work within the Church programme, those who work in hospitals and schools, may daily have strength of mind and body, and the guidance of the Spirit of God.

—For all who teach and lead children and youth, that, at this Christmas time, they may enable those with whom they work, and themselves, to understand the true meaning of Christmas.

—For all members of W. M. S. groups, that the message of Christmas will renew their concern to share the Good News with all people everywhere.

A PLACE OF HEALING

by ANNE HOWSON, Reg. N.

The Mary Slessor Hospital, Itu, Eastern Nigeria

"Koro ubon, ye odudu, ye ukpono enyenede fi ke nsinsi nsinsi.
Amen"

THE EVENING RAIN falls gently and persistently as the words of prayer and blessing come to an end, and the speaker rises from her knees. One by one, she greets each person, taking their hands in both of hers. The scene takes place in a ward of one of the Presbyterian Hospitals in Eastern Nigeria, and the bearer of greetings and comfort is a member of the local congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria. Here is a place of healing for body and spirit, a place where Christ is at work.

Slowly but surely, the Hospital is gaining a reputation as a place of healing but to many people, yet, it is the place of last resort, or a place to be regarded with suspicion. It will be many years before the healing hand is felt by all those who suffer, in this densely populated country. The Presbyterian Church of Nigeria is just one denomination of the Christian Church amongst several, who are working together with the Government in developing the medical work in the Eastern Region. The medical work of the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria includes hospital service, leprosy service, and clinic service.

The Presbyterian Hospital, Uburu, is a rural, General Hospital, serving the northern areas. This year it celebrates its fiftieth anniversary. One of its past Medical Superintendents was Sir Francis Ibiam, who was helped in the Hospitals nursing service by Lady Ibiam. At present, the Medical Superintendent is a young Hollander; the business manager is a Scot; and of the two Nursing Sisters, one is our own Miss Elsie Taylor, a Canadian, and the other is a Scot. The nursing staff is completed by several Nigerian staff nurses. Uburu Hospital trains and employs nursing assistants. Some of the nursing assistants, after completing their training programme go on for nurses training while others remain as employees of the Hospital. Uburu Hospital, too, has been expanding its facilities with the addition of a maternity ward, and mother and child welfare clinics in the area.

The Southern Ogoja Leprosy Service is concerned with the treatment of leprosy in the northern areas. There are three settlements under S.O.L.S.—

one at Yakurr, one at Mbembi where a sick bay is managed by a nursing sister or male nurse, and the main settlement at Uburu where hospital treatment is given. Over thirty clinics, some with segregation villages attached for infective cases, are managed under leprosy inspectors. More than three thousand leprosy sufferers are being treated in this area, and numbers are still increasing.

The Mary Slessor Hospital, Itu, also a rural Hospital, has just recently expanded to one hundred beds. It is especially significant because of its training school for nurses. At present, the staff includes a Medical Superintendent; a business manager; a Matron; a Sister Tutor and a Nursing Sister, all expatriates, and two Nigerian staff nurses; two Nigerian dispensers; and a Nigerian laboratory worker. This year, a health centre was begun in a village two miles from the Hospital, which has facilitated the treatment of outpatients and encouraged more people to seek good medical care. An extra task undertaken by the hospital is the care of a number of motherless babies. Donations have been received from Canada to support these children, for which the Hospital is very grateful.

The Itu Leper Colony is a large settlement for the treatment of both infective and non-infective cases of leprosy. It gives custodial care to many debilitated patients as well. A one-hundred-bed Hospital remains filled to capacity the year around, with patients who have ulcers, severe leprosy, or diseases not associated with their leprosy. Twelve clinics are now underway in the southern area for the treatment of non-infective patients.

The Queen Elizabeth Hospital at Umuahia; the Eja Memorial Hospital at Itigidi and the Akahaba-Abiriba Hospital are all joint hospitals. The Q. E. H. is a large modern Hospital, which has an excellent training programme for nurses and midwives. The Eja Memorial Hospital has been started just this past year, and the Akahaba-Abiriba Hospital, with its Training School for midwives, is being managed by the Mennonite Board of Missions. Although the Government and the Christian Churches in Nigeria give varying degrees of support to this medical work, much outside support is still being necessarily, and gratefully, received from America, Great Britain, and Europe.

Many changes are taking place in Nigeria, now, and in the near future, which are going to affect the medical work here. On the first of October, Nigeria became a republic. Next year, it is hoped that church union will take place. Greater demands are being made on medical personnel, so that standards will be raised to an internationally acceptable level. Can these demands be met? Can the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria say of their medical work that it is of first grade quality? In training nurses at the Mary Slessor Hospital, it is the objective of the school to educate nurses to have Christian ideals—young women who really care; care for those Christ cared for in the way He did; that is, putting all else aside for the sake of the needs of the moment; to educate young women who are responsible, that is, who have the ability to respond to a need and who will not be content until they use that ability in taking action in order to meet the need. These are the young women Nigeria needs today. Who but the Christian Church can answer this challenge? The challenge is there, and yet there is a serious threat to the work. It is a big undertaking which needs every possible support available. I will not hesitate to say that there is a serious need for highly trained staff and financial aid.

Canadian Christians, do you see the door wide open for the Gospel? It may not remain open for long. You are responsible for the work of the Christian Church here too. Now is the time for definite action on the part of the Christian Church the world over.

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THE BESSIE MacMURCHY MEMORIAL FUND

At this date of writing, in mid-October, friends of Bessie Margaret MacMurchy are sending gifts for the Memorial Fund, which is to be used to bring an Indian lady here to obtain her Master of Science in Nursing. Plans are under way for Miss Shila Patras to come for the Autumn of 1964 to begin her two years of study at the University of Western Ontario School of Nursing.

The amount of the Fund to this date is $548.43.

Contributions may be sent to the Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), Presbyterian Church in Canada and designated for the Bessie MacMurchy Memorial Fund — Room 800; 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1, Ont.

(This was the closing of Bessie MacMurchy's last Christmas Letter)

"Peace! The perfect word is sounding like a universal hymn,
Under oceans, over mountains, to the world's remotest rim.
Up and up, achieving, failing, weak in flesh but strong in soul
We may never live to reach it. Ah, but we have seen the goal!" (Ed.)

RECORD OF A JOURNEY TO EASTERN RIVER CHURCH

by (MRS.) ENA MAR

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ON SEPTEMBER 9TH, at 9 a.m., Miss Hermanson and her assistant Miss Lily Lin, came with the car to fetch me. The Church to which we were going is about three hours' drive from Taipei. As usual, we started out with cheerful spirit. The weather was fine, the scenery beautiful, and the ride was easy. We had heard about a typhoon in the offing, but it was to by-pass Formosa, or, at the worst, strike the East Coast.

When we arrived at the Church, most people were already there. We were happy to see that most of them were young women and some girls. The first afternoon there were fifty-five, the majority from the local church with homes across a small river which they cross on a swinging bridge.

The programme started at 2 p.m. and lasted until five. It consisted of a short Worship Service, Bible study, a Health talk and study of the Shorter Catechism. Medicines were brought, so anyone needing attention was cared for. But toward the evening it began to rain, so most of the ones who went home for supper were not able to come back for the evening service, but the ones who were staying at the Church and those who came, took part in a Worship Service and hymn singing. That night there was a heavy thunder storm and all said "it does not Typhoon when there are thunder storms!"

By next morning the cement gully just below us (for rain water to run over the road) was still flowing, and cars could not get out or in. Although it rained all day some ventured to come. Our programme went on as usual. Besides the items mentioned above we had planned talks on Roman Catholicism, inspirational speeches, and hand work. The last afternoon, Miss Hermanson taught them how to wash woollens and nylon materials; thus the four days went very fast. But those who were staying in the Church were the only ones who attended. They could not cross the river, and were very worried about their families and homes. As the typhoon blew hard, and the rain poured down without ceasing, the small river, or creek, became wider and wider, and its roaring shook the windows. Then we could see (and hear) slide after slide come roaring down from the opposite side of the mountains. “My home is just beside that tree,” our interpreter pointed. It was not far from one of the slides. She often wondered if her home was washed away. There was no one in the house, as her husband was sick in a hospital in another town, and her mother-in-law came to the meeting and had to stay too. But she was newly-wedded, and worried about their house and possessions.

We tried to comfort their hearts by choosing such hymns as “Count your Blessings One by One;” “His Eye is on the Sparrow;” “Rock of Ages;” “I would rather have Jesus;” “On Jesus’ solid rock I stand;” and other inspiring songs. We even taught them to sing the chorus of “Great is Thy Faithfulness,” in English! Their hymn book was edited just recently by the Formosan Pastor who is Mountain Work Secretary. It consists of some of the most inspiring songs, the words rewritten both in Chinese (Mandarin) and Japanese. The young women sang the former, whereas the elderly ones, the latter. As they sang their voices covered the noise of the creek and typhoon and without doubt the words did cheer their hearts.

“This is the most severe typhoon we have ever had,” they all said! The preacher told Mr. Peng, the driver, that it may take months before the roads were repaired for the car to get going. What should we do? The food was getting scarce. Money was limited. Borrowing was impossible. The Preacher already had ten mouths to feed of his own family. How could it be possible for him to feed more than ten mouths! Moreover, after the typhoon, it was very hard to secure food. Twenty of the Formosan homes were washed away, and most of those were shops. “If we could only go as far as Nan-chuang, I know the Elder of the Presbyterian Church there, and I could easily borrow money from her,” said Miss Hermanson. It took about twenty minutes by car from Nan-chuang to East River. Now most of the road was washed out and the only way to get out was to go across the mountains by foot. We decided to start the next morning, Friday the 13th. The group consisted of sixteen; the preacher and his eldest son helping carry luggage; two W.M.S. Auxiliary Presidents, one with luggage on her back; four young girls; four young men, (two carried a sedan chair for me); Miss Hermanson, Lily Lin, myself and the driver, Mr. Peng.

Miss Hermanson suggested that some carry me in a chair, so these four young men took turns doing so. But I tried to walk as far as I could, with one man pulling one hand, and sometimes another pushing my back, when it was too steep to climb. Finally the men decided that it was faster to carry me than to help me walk, so they did. But it was impossible to pass in some places, for the mountains were without tracks, and there were many bamboo groves, so I had to be on and off the chair many times. We also made Miss Hermanson ride in the chair two times to rest. Once the Preacher, who is over fifty years of age, carried the chair. I felt guilty to have him do so, but at the same time moved by his humble service. As there was no path to be traced and nobody knew the direction, we just wandered on and on until it was long past noon. Finally a house was in sight, and then we went down and down until we reached the highway. We had spent over seven hours, up and down and around mountains and their landslides!

At first all of us, except Mr. Peng and Lily, who were very anxious to get home to see how their home folks were, intended to go to Nanchuang and stay over night in the Formosan Church. Miss Hermanson walked ahead of us, then she came back to tell us that the muddy road ahead was too difficult to get across, and that she and I had better go in the other direction, and stay over night in the nearby district. The others could go to Nanchuang to visit friends and relatives and stay in the Church. Over three hundred houses were washed away in that area, and the homeless were being housed in a school. No one knows how many were killed. Now we had a suitcase and two small bags to handle. A young man riding a bicycle passed us, and he promised to take our luggage on the back of his bicycle when he came back from an errand, and he did. Then Miss Hermanson went on while I trod on behind. Two brothers riding a motorcycle came toward us, and Miss Hermanson beckoned them to stop and asked if they could take me to the village. The younger brother told the older one to walk home, while he himself cycled toward me and took me on the back of the cycle. After we reached our destination he turned back to fetch Miss Hermanson. The boy with our luggage had already unloaded our things in a restaurant. We thanked the little brother and he went home. In token of our thanks to the bicycle young man (also Mr. Peng) we invited him to have some rice noodles with us, which was the only food we could obtain. When I asked Mr. Peng (he graduated from the Arts College and could carry on conversation in English) whether there was any clean Inn, his answer was in the negative. Then the young lad, Mr. Whuang, came to see how we were getting along. When he found out we were looking for a place to stay, he offered to lodge us in his home that night! All these were strangers to us. He is not yet married and lives with his parents, a married brother and family, and several young brothers and sisters. When we arrived we were shown a tatami bed and then ushered into their sitting room. The father and some members of the family sat and chatted with us while the mother prepared the supper. Then we were offered hot water to bathe and later invited to eat supper with them.

The next morning the brothers offered to take us as far as Tewfung, where, they said, buses could run. So, after breakfast, the elder Huang took Miss Hermanson on the motor cycle, and the young one took me on a bicycle. Another young man took our luggage on his bicycle. After a short ride the motor cycle could not go any further on account of deep muddy landslides. "That lady stepped in a place as deep as her knee," he told us! The younger brother took off his shoes and carried me over on his back, then he returned home with the motorcycle, but the two bicycles went right on. When we came to a landslide they would carry the cycles over, then our luggage, and then return for me. But when section after section of muddy road had to be crossed, I also took off my shoes and with Mr. Huang's help walked over it. Usually he would carry the bike over the slide, then come back to help me. Once I also stepped in a spot as deep as my knee, and without his help I could not have gotten out. I told him that it was beyond words to express our deep appreciation and gratitude for all his kindness. His answer was, "This is something very rarely happens." At last we reached a place where trucks and jeeps could come and go. Mr. Huang went back to fetch Miss Hermanson, then we sat in a little store to have some refreshment. Lo! a bus came with a full load of passengers! It was going back to Tewfung where we could get a bus to Taipei. The highway to Taipei was not a bit damaged. We arrived at the Hermitage about 2 p.m. after starting out at 7 a.m., and the house stood intact!

But for the kindness shown by people on the way, I could never have struggled to reach our destination. But behind it all was the Unseen Hand which helped and guided. "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable Gift."

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CHRISTMAS EVE

My latch is on the string tonight,
The hearth-fire is aglow,
I seem to hear swift passing feet
The Christ-child in the snow;

My heart is open wide tonight,
For stranger, kith or kin,
I would not close a single door
Where Christ may enter in!

(Kate Douglas Wiggin).

A DECEMBER DAY AT HELEN MACDONALD MEMORIAL SCHOOL

by DIANA WADSWORTH

One, two, three, four, five—the night watchman rings the last hour of his watch! As yet the eastern sky shows only the faintest hint of day, but inside the School Hostel the heaps under thick, cotton-stuffed comforters, begin to move slightly. A head or two is poked out but quickly withdrawn again—it's cold! A few energetic bodies leap forth, and soon the quiet Hostel dorms become filled with the chattering voices of a hundred and sixty girls. It doesn't take long to dress on winter mornings, but takes a little while to comb and braid 320 pigtails! Now the quiet-hour bell rings and each girl takes out her Bible to have morning devotions by herself for about fifteen minutes.

At the sound of the breakfast bell, no time is wasted in taking tin plates and spoons from their appointed racks and lining up for "dalia" (whole wheat porridge) and Canadian powdered milk. The brick platform, in the center of the Hostel quadrangle where the morning sun will soon be felt, is a good place to eat.

Dorms must be tidy before the study bell goes at 7:15 a.m., but the quickest girls can smooth up a bed, fold away night clothes, and play a game of Indian tag before that. In the classrooms, stone floors are chilly on December mornings, and the cushions beside each low desk seem awfully thin, but with knees tucked under purple tunics or saris, and a wool shawl or sweater wrapped around, enough warmth is conserved to settle one's mind on the lessons for today.

At 7:50 a.m., a ninth-class girl rings the bell marking the end of the study period—a short break, then Chapel. The teachers generally take turns leading the fifteen-minute worship, but today (Friday), it is the turn of tenth class to lead. The students file in, leaving shoes outside, and take their places on the floor while the teachers sit at the back, also on the floor. One of the tenth-class girls announces a hymn, which is started by one girl and taken up in unison by the rest, a joyous "bhajan" or song of praise to God. Christmas is in the air, so the theme chosen for Chapel is "God's Gift of Love to us in Christ Jesus." Seven girls recite Scripture portions to illustrate the leader's thoughts; another girl closes in prayer, and Chapel is dismissed.

After the singing of the National Anthem, classes begin—Hindi, English, mathematics, science, history, geography, civics, sewing—so the School day goes until 1:00 p.m. At the first stroke of the last bell, the girls are on their way. Books are dumped into desks, locks fastened, cushions placed on desk tops, so the girls in charge this week can sweep the room before it is closed for the day. Millie Bai has rice and lentils cooked for lunch, and the girls devour it hungrily after their long morning classes. Rest hour is compulsory for all, so once again the Hostels are quiet for a little while. Those on cooking duty must rise earlier to begin cutting vegetables and meat, and making "chapatis." Whole wheat flour-and-water patties are rolled thin on a board, and cooked over a coal fire till they puff up into an almost perfect sphere. When cooled the chapatis become flat again, like pancakes, to be eaten with meat and vegetable currie. The great pans of savoury food cook the rest of the afternoon, with only an occasional stir.

Even before the cooking crew has finished its duties for the evening meal, club time begins. Yesterday at this time, each class met for Bible Study, as they do twice a week, but today the littlest girls, 9 and 10 year olds, are making dolls (a rare plaything in the lives of most Indian youngsters). Others, who have chosen music, are found sitting cross-legged around the harmonium, learning a new hymn for the Christmas programme to be presented the last day of School. The instrumental group are learning to play the harmonium, fingering the keyboard with the right hand while pumping the small organ-like instrument with the left. To play the tublas (a pair of drums), one must learn the rhythms just so, and for the first few times fingers become quite sore from thumping the stretched skin membranes. Those girls with an artistic bent are spattering white shoe polish on stencils of manger scenes pinned to coloured paper, to make Christmas cards. Others cut old Christmas and birthday cards to make new cards, bookmarks and calendars. The weaving club is working quickly to finish shoulder bags before the term ends.

After clubs or Bible classes is the daily games hour. Basketball and volleyball are favourites on the outdoor courts. Some of the older girls prefer badminton. Others gather to play native games—koko, kabaddi, or tipu. Skipping rope has appeal in certain seasons, and in the fall there is practise for the district meet—high jump, broad jump, running races, balancing earthen water pots on one's head, and formation marching. The games hours ends all too soon. When the girls have gathered again in the Hostels, their songs of thanksgiving can be heard as they have evening prayers before dinner.

The cooks did well! There is just enough hot spice in the currie, and the chapatis are still soft and paper thin. I'm sure the home economics teacher will give this group good marks for its efforts.

Later, while the little ones play, the rest of the girls take out their books for evening study in the big Hostel Common Room. By nine o'clock, the littlest are already in the land of dreams, and the seniors, still chattering about the day's activities, are just crawling under their warm covers. In the distance jackals cry; a loud speaker blares at some wedding half a mile away; Hindu drums beat weirdly; and passing trains whistle. But night sounds do not keep Indian girls awake at the end of the day.

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Books you'll like!

Reviewed by LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

AGAIN IT IS TIME to start thinking about Christmas Gifts, and again it is my privilege to draw your attention to some of the wonderful books which I have read of late—any one of which would make a thoroughly appreciated gift for those special friends who delight in a good book, and would rather have such a gift on Christmas morning than any other you could give them! I shall not attempt to classify them, and space will not permit anything more than "a capsule review," but all of these are of great interest, well-written, and definitely worth-while. I can whole-heartedly recommend each one, and all may be ordered through our Publication Department.

"MY DARLING CLEMENTINE"

By Jack Fishman

This is a biography of Lady Churchill—"Clemmie," the beloved wife of Sir Winston Churchill—and it is a true love story, about this beautiful and serene woman who has staunchly stood back of her famous, and unpredictable, husband throughout all the triumphs and anxieties of his extraordinary career, and who is still his comfort and strength, as she has been ever since that day in September 1908, when, as the lovely Clementine Hozier, she married the turbulent young Winston Churchill, in St. Margaret's Chapel, Westminster. At that time, Lord Roseberry said—"with luck—the marriage may last six months!" It has lasted fifty-five years, and her husband says, with all his well-known conviction—"I could *never* have succeeded without her!" In her book, as she has in life, "Clemmie" seeks to stand in the background, and not to take the spotlight, but, despite this, the story of her life shows Sir Winston in his many moods and activities on practically every page. It could not do otherwise. This is a book of absorbing interest, filled with knowledge, history, true camaraderie, and whimsical humour. Price—$6.65.

THE MIGRATION OF SKIVINS

By John Francis Wilson

Here is a book of a different calibre entirely. Amusing, and holding keen interest in every line, this "new" Canadian book was actually written by the Author about sixty years ago, but, for some reason, it was never published until last year. Since then, it has been climbing steadily in popularity. Benjamin Sydcup Skivins, the luckless hero of the book, was really the Author himself, when he was struggling to be a farmer in south-west Manitoba, near the Saskatchewan border. He had immigrated from an Engineer's office in England, to work as a "hired man" for some time before becoming one of the "homesteaders" of those pioneer days in the West. The poor mousey little man had a hard time of it—learning to drive oxen, cut logs, milk cows, pitch hay, plough and thresh, and, at the same time keep his sod-roofed shanty weather-proof, but, in his own bungling way, he made a sort of a go of it all, and the book finishes with a comfortable Skivins running the general store in the growing community of Skivinsville, Manitoba. The book is well illustrated, humourous, and interesting. Price — $5.00.

TEMPEST OVER SCOTLAND

By Norman E. Nygaard

This historical and biographical novel, written by the Author of "They Sought A Country," and "Trumpet of Salvation," is an understandingly sympathetic portrayal of John Knox, the great Scotsman, and Reformer of the Faith. In a most interesting way, it tells of the events and crises between John Knox's days of enforced servitude in the French galleys, and his final interview with Mary, Queen of Scots. A book well worth possessing. Price—$2.50.

FAMILY LIVING IN THE BIBLE

By Edith Dean

The author, who also wrote the book "All The Women of the Bible," which so many of us have read and enjoyed, gives most interesting information in this new book, of the family life, as it was lived and revealed through the pages of the Bible. It is written in six sections, and the factual background and Bible references to family life of those times are both explained and classified. Here we read of family beginnings, relationships, breakdowns, spiritual aspects, and strengths, and each subject is subdivided and filled with splendid information. For instance, the section on Beginnings tells of marriage customs, the marriage ceremony and symbolism, and also of polygamy and concubinage. A book of scholarly research and interpretation, written in a most readable way. Price $5.00.

RUNAWAY TO HEAVEN

By Johanna Johnston

Of special interest in these days of colour-tension in so many lands is this attention-holding biography of Harriet Beecher Stowe, who wrote the still-famous book "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in the troubled times of Abraham Lincoln, and thereby created through her book such a tremendous impact and influence, upon the question of slavery, then a burning fire of dissention, that President Lincoln always spoke of her as "the little lady who made this big war!" However that may be, her life story makes fascinating reading and the Author brings us very close to this amazing woman who felt so keenly the struggle of her country that freedom might be established as the right of every human being, regardless of race and colour. We read of her own life and struggles; her sudden rise to fame and wealth; her great bewilderment when, in some circles, her motives were misunderstood. In her personal life were great tragedies, as well as great victories, and excerpts from her own personal letters and diaries reveal some of these, and help to make this book a vital record of a truly remarkable woman. Good illustrations and good writing make this a truly worth-while book. Price — $6.75.

THE STARS OF CHRISTMAS

By J. Robert Watt

Very suitable for Christmas giving, this new book, by the Canadian Author of "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled," develops the eternal meaning of Advent — the Stars of Hope, Light, Rejoicing, and Love—and presents a volume of real beauty of thought and depth of meaning. Price—$2.75. Do not forget that delightful book, *"The Incredible Journey,"* by Sheila Burnford, the story of 3 pets—2 dogs and a cat—and their amazing journey together across the northern wilderness of Canada. This is now available, paper bound, at fifty cents, and Walt Disney's Movie of the book, all filmed in Canada, using a Canadian cast, is to be shown by November. Or *"Take My Hands,"* by Dorothy Clarke Wilson, the thrilling and inspiring story of Dr. Helen Verghese, of India, who although confined to a wheelchair, rose to become one of the most able and famous surgeons of Vellore Christian College. Price—$5.75. And, for a man, or anyone else for that matter, nothing could be more interesting reading than *"A Change of Pace,"* a selected collection of the best Columns written by Bruce West through the years for the "Globe and Mail," Toronto. Born in Huntsville, for seventeen years he has been a widely appreciated daily Columnist for this nationally circulated newspaper. Price—$1.49.

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Boys and Girls!

DIANNE'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

by ANNE SMYTH

DIANNE had the measles. To have them at all was bad enough, but to be sick in December, and to be in bed on the afternoon of the Christmas Party at school, made her think that this was the very worst year that she had had among any of her six. People had started to say "Merry Christmas" already, and here she was having anything but a merry time. As you can imagine she wasn't a very contented little patient when Dr. Brown said,

"Now Dianne, just rest in bed for a few days and you will be fine again."

"A few days, and Christmas will be all over. My pretty cards are on the table ready to take to school, but I can't take them because my friends might think the cards had the measles. Oh dear! There is the handkerchief, too, that I was going to give to Miss Martin."

Dianne cuddled down under her quilt, and shut her eyes tightly, so that two big tears would not run down her cheeks to splash onto her cool, fresh sheet.

Mother read to her, when she could spare a few minutes to come upstairs. Daddy told stories in the evening, about the years when he was a little boy at Grandfather's farm.

When the day of the Christmas Party came, Dianne was feeling much better. She was sure that she was well enough to be at school. She felt quite well enough, too, to share the cookies and ice cream that Miss Martin was certain to have for their party. Mother was reading such an exciting story about a monkey that had escaped from the zoo. The door bell rang. It was Miss Martin. With a happy "Hello Dianne" she handed a parcel to mother, then walked away, along the street, toward her home.

"Oh, what is it? Is it for me?"

Dianne soon knew, for Mother put the little bundle on the bed. They untied it together. Inside, on such a pretty paper napkin, all covered with gay Santa Claus faces, was a little cup of ice cream. Wrapped in another were three tiny cookies, shaped like bells. All round them were more little Christmas cards than Dianne had ever seen together. There were pictures of Christmas trees, holly wreaths, and comical cards that made her smile to look at them, all carefully made by the little boys and girls in her class at school. "Oh Mother," she whispered, "what a happy, happy day, after all."

As Dianne ate her ice cream and nibbled her cookies she chatted eagerly. "All my friends have been so kind to me! I wish I could say 'Thank you' to them. I can't say 'Merry Christmas' to them this year. But I do want them to know that I love them."

"Yes Dear," came the answer, "you can! When you are all better, and are back to school, you and I shall say 'Thank you' to Miss Martin, and all the boys and girls."

"Oh how?" cried Dianne.

"On a Saturday afternoon we shall make cookies, the thin sweet ones, with tiny candy decorations, that you like so well. I shall mix the dough, and you may roll it smooth. We shall cut it into fancy shapes and put the little candies on them. On Monday you may take a box of cookies to school. I am sure Miss Martin will let you pass them after recess. Tell the boys and girls that is your way of saying 'Thank you' for being so kind."

Dianne leaned back on her pillow.

"This has been one of the loveliest parties that I have ever had. It really didn't spoil it a bit to have the measles!"

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SWEET TO REMEMBER!

I heard a bird sing
In the dark of December,
A magical thing
And sweet to remember!

"We are nearer to Spring
Than we are to September!"
I heard a bird sing
In the dark of December!

(Selected)

CHRISTMAS BOOKS FOR YOUNG FOLK!

Let me tell you at once about some of the splendid little books which we carry in our Publications Department, costing but a trifle, surprisingly well printed and produced, and which make such excellent little "extra" gifts to tuck in small stockings; for Sunday School teachers and Class Leaders to give each member of their group; or maybe for the little neighbour child "across the way." For 15c each, there is the Bible Hero Series, small and well illustrated — "Stories of Jesus, from His Birth to Resurrection; of Daniel, Peter, Paul, Moses, Joseph, and Women of the Bible." To help small fingers learn to create, there are two colourful "Fold'n Colour Card booklets"—"The Wise Men," and "The Baby Jesus;" "Prayers for Children," and "Loving God," are splendid Devotional Books; and the Picture Story Books—"Learning From Jesus;" God's Gifts To Me," "My First Story of Jesus" and "Living For Jesus," are all splendidly worth-while. The Picture Surprise Books, written in poetry and with fine coloured illustration cost but 35c each — "When Jesus Was Born," and "Favourite Bible Stories"—and a lovely little book for Tiny Tots, "The A.B.C. Book about Jesus" costs 20c.

For the older children, nothing could be better reading, or better value at 15c apiece, than the Eagle Books—a choice of a whole long series, each one a true biography of a well-known Christian man or woman. These are but a few of the many Titles—"Crowned By Cannibals"—the story of John Geddie of the South Seas; "Deep-Sea Doctor"—Wilfred Grenfell of Labrador; "Roll On Wagon Wheels!", the story of Robert Moffat of South Africa; "Lady In Prison"—Elizabeth Fry; "Soldiers Heroine" — Florence Nightingale, "Get Through or Die"—David Livingstone; "Mary and The Black Warriors"—Mary Slessor of Africa; "Temperature 126!"—Henry Martyn of India. Space prevents giving more Titles, but I can assure you these Eagle Books are excellent buying and thrilling reading, as well as of real educational value. So, too, is the fine Series of Great Stories of Canada, published by Macmillan of Canada, and priced at $2.50. These are hard-cover books, well-bound and illustrated—the kind of books that are read and re-read, treasured and kept. Each written about some out-standing phase and person, contributing to Canada's heritage and National Life, here are some of the Titles—"Runner of The Woods," the story of young Pierre Radisson, captured by the Mohawk Indians when he was but sixteen, who lived to be one of Canada's foremost explorers and fighters; "The First Canadian"—the story of Champlain; "Red River Adventure," the story of the Selkirk Settlers; "The Scarlet Force"—the making of the Mounted Police; "The Queen's Cowboy"—James Macleod of the Mounties. These are but a few of a splendid list of 28 books—all good!

Other worth-while books for gift-giving by doting Grandmothers, Aunts, and other folk, who delight in adding good books to some young persons' Library are — "Christmas Comes Once More," by Mildred C. Luckardt, for girls and boys from seven to eleven years old, contains some 40 stories and poems, coming from many lands and peoples, each filled with the joy and beauty of Christmas-time—$3.80; "The Whale People," by Roderick Haig-Brown, is a fine Canadian story, for ages 12 and up, about the British Columbia Indians, their customs and skills, carefully researched as to its factual background, and interestingly told. It is fiction, and its central character is Atlin, son of the Chief, who, as he grew to manhood, learned to hunt the giant whales as all his forefathers had done. Price $2.95. "Henry Stanley and His Secret Key," by Helen B. Walters, is based on fact, and this vividly-told story tells of the man who became famous mainly because he discovered the lost Livingstone in Africa — Price $2.75. A new series called "Stories of Jesus," is a real find at 60c apiece, because these books are beautifully written by Betty Smith, and illustrated both in colour and black-and-white. These are four of the new ones in the series—"People Jesus Loved, Jesus and The Children, Jesus The Healer; and Jesus, The King of Kings." A beautiful small gift for anyone, but especially for Shut-Ins, or friends for whom something more than a Christmas card is desired is "Christmas, An Annual of Christmas Literature and Art" which includes the handsomely illustrated Christmas Story, Christmas stories, poems, and sketches, and comes in a Gift Edition, with envelope, for $1.50. And don't forget the lovely old favourite children's Books which are timeless in their appeal and beloved of all children everywhere — such as "Hans Christian Anderson's Fairy Tales!" There is a delightful new edition of the best of these famous and fascinating stories, superbly illustrated for ages 8 to 12, price — $4.35.

(L.M.C.)

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OUR BROTHER IS BORN!

"Now every child that dwells on earth,
Stand up, stand up and sing;
The passing night has given birth
Unto the children's King.
Sing sweet as the flute,
Sing clear as the horn,
Sing joy of the Children
Come Christmas morn:—
Little Christ Jesus
Our Brother is Born."

(This poem was sung in a Special Christmas Broadcast over Radio Congo Belge, by a group of Belgian and Congolese children. African features)

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A DREAM COME TRUE!

by MRS. MURRAY ROSS, DR. CLYNE SHEPHERD and MISS ELSIE M. TAYLOR

The Dream:—The year was 1912, and the place a centre of Igbo commerce — the market at Uburu, Eastern Nigeria. It was business as usual that afternoon, but there was one thing about the scene a visitor would have found remarkable. On one side of the market, sitting under a bamboo shelter, was a young Englishman, an emissary of the Calabar Mission of the Church of Scotland. Dr. John W. Hitchcock later described his thoughts: "Now as I sat there I dreamed. It was a daydream, and my castle-in the-air was a hospital which I fancied I could see in Uburu. I could see too, sick folk coming, and I could see them going back to their distant homes strong again in body and with a new light on their faces."

To those who had lived and worked here it was a moving experience to hear an Uburu Christian quote these words, in an Address of Welcome to the Very Reverend Dr. A. C. Craig, the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, when he visited Uburu two years ago, and assure the Moderator that he would indeed see a new light on the faces of the people. The speaker was the headmaster of the Uburu Presbyterian School, and he recalled how, as a young boy, the teaching at the Hospital Sunday School had a decisive influence on his life.

The Builders: — Three men of outstanding devotion and indefatiguable industry have been mainly responsible for guiding the affairs of the Hospital. John Hitchcock was no idle dreamer, but a visionary and pioneer. He set up the Hospital in Uburu in 1913, made a profound impression as Doctor and friend of the people, and his name will ever be cherished in the annals of Uburu. He died shortly after the 'flu epidemic of 1919, following a period of hectic overwork.

1924 saw the next permanent appointment, that of Dr. Harry Hastings of Edinburgh. His name will always be linked with Uburu Hospital, as is that of Dr. Hitchcock. There were three aspects of his work which were important, (1) the dramatic yaws treatment of the '20s, (2) the leprosy work of the 30's and 40's, (3) his outstanding surgical work. His 25 years of daily service firmly established the Hospital as a centre of healing, and during that time he and Mrs. Hastings trained Nigerians, who are the backbone of the staff today.

Sir Francis Ibiam was the third doctor to make a significant contribution to the development of the hospital. He undertook a much needed modernization and extension programme. Ably supported by Lady Ibiam, he did much to foster the maternal and child welfare work of the hospital, and this has continued to grow at a great rate. Although the aforementioned can truly be said to be the "fathers" of the Hospital, several other doctors have contributed a valuable share in the building of the work.

The Realization: — It is not necessary to have a knowledge of medical economics to have an idea of the needs of an 80-bed Hospital, which periodically has to cram in many more than that, and which last year recorded 20,000 outpatients treated, 800 operations performed, and 288 babies delivered. Astonishing as it sounds, there has never been more than one doctor appointed to the hospital; the first sister was appointed only in 1957, and a business manager last year. Dr. Hitchcock was the first to recognize the need for a second doctor and to plead for another appointment! Such is the shortage of doctors for Missionary Service that there is no possibility of this at present. We are fortunate in having two Nigerian registered nurses and a midwife, and the whole future of the Hospital depends on the steady build-up of trained Nigerian staff.

New Outlook: — In common with other Mission Hospitals we were, unavoidably, for many years "foreign". We were guided and controlled by the Foreign Mission Committee in Edinburgh, and the Scottish Mission Council in Calabar. In recent years the whole outlook and relationship with "home" have greatly changed. The Presbyterian Church of Nigeria is in control, and our inspiration and guidance comes from Nigerians. We have also been caught up in the evolution of the country, becoming involved daily with the activities of Government, local government, and the local community. We have realized the need to be concerned in all aspects of health in our large district, advising the County Council and giving practical help wherever possible — much of this sounds rather mundane, perhaps, but our involvement is of the greatest significance.

If there was ever any question about whether we should carry on — because the commitments of the work were too great, or the Hospital's income too small — it is now resolved. Not that we are guaranteed more helpers from Scotland or Canada, or a regular income, but because we belong; and we are glad that the local community has claimed us. We appreciate the aptness of Dr. D. T. Niles remark that "foreign Missionaries brought Christianity as a potted plant", and we believe that the pot has been broken, and the plant transferred to indigenous soil. We pray that pressing "forward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" we may be enabled to bear faithful witness to Him in all our spheres of work.

Milestone: — As we pass through the fiftieth year of the Hospital's story we are engaged in a typical Missionary endeavour. The Jubilee "milestone" is to be a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre. It is a co-operative venture, Government, local community, and benefactors in Scotland, Canada, and Holland, all helping. Fittingly, the new building (now under construction) will be opened by His Excellency, Sir Francis Ibiam, on 30th November, 1963. Something of the need will be gleaned from the fact that 47 women attended the ante-natal clinic in 1956, and 410 in 1962. The number of child patients has similarly increased, many with preventable disease.

The Future: — If we have looked back to take stock, as it were, and to see ourselves in perspective, there is certainly no looking back from the plough. The Hospital owes a great debt of gratitude to Scotland, Holland, and Canada. We ask you to continue with us in this new era of our work. At this time, when there is a shortage of medical personnel in Church Hospitals all over the world, we would especially ask men and women to consider the offer of their services — the task is as exciting and challenging as ever it was in the Missionary History Books. But come with a willingness to be Nigerian!

CELEBRATE THE REAL CHRISTMAS!

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"CHRISTMAS IS A FAIRY-TALE!" Such is the general impression we receive from the surrounding world at this season. Nothing can be further removed from the reality of our daily life than the world of illusion, which, sometimes in a refined manner and sometimes in a crude one, is built up around us at this time of the year. We are tempted to think of the Christmas story as a story about another world, a world of angels.

At such a time we need to hear again the clear and sharp word of the New Testament: 'For surely it is not with angels that He (Jesus Christ) is concerned' (Heb. 2:16). The Word has not become a fairy-tale; it became flesh. The same passage of the Epistle to the Hebrews works this out with great realism. Christ partakes of human nature, of human flesh and blood. He enters into the ordinary daily world of men and shares in their suffering and death.

A fairy-tale Christmas cannot make a real difference. It is soon forgotten like a dream, and the world goes on as it did before. But a Christmas centered on the coming of God Himself among us, to share our life, our struggles, and our weakness, can have a tronsforming effect. Because God has shared our existence, he can help us. Because there is a way from God to man, there is a way out of the vicious circle of sin and death. Because God reconciled men to Himself, it is imperative that the Churches should seek to manifest the power of that reconciliation in true unity. Because God *made* peace with men, it is not a hopeless task to *create* peace among men.

So let us, in the midst of the make-believe Christmas, celebrate the real Christmas, the birthday of a Child called Immanuel; God with us; God sharing the life of His creatures.

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL — The June Meeting of the Afternoon Auxiliary of the W. M. S. of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, *Calgary,* took the form of an Anniversary Meeting, using a flip chart prepared by Mrs. E. McKinley, of *Lethbridge, Alberta.* Two members, Mrs. Evelyn Whish, and Mrs. Emma Lathwell, were honoured with the presentation of Life Memberships, in recognition of their faithful services.

MACLEOD PRESBYTERIAL — This Presbyterial met, for the Semi-Annual Meeting, in St. John's Presbyterian Church, *Medicine Hat,* when President Mrs. A. M. Smith presided, and, during the Programme gave a good Report of the Annual Council Meeting, held in Ewart College, *Toronto,* last May. Several members, attended the Presbyterian Women's Camp at Camp Kannawin, *Sylvan Lake,* where Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., on furlough from *India* was Guest Speaker. A Special Fund has been started to assist young girls in going to Camp. Mrs. E. Lyon was the Presbyterial Delegate to the W.M.S. Training Centre, held in Luther College, *Regina.* Mrs. C. Starling was elected First Vice-President of this Presbyterial, and Mrs. T. L. Schuitema was elected Presbyterial Children's Work Secretary. The Regional Secretary, Miss Barbara Woodruff spent most of October in MacLeod Presbyterial.

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL—In September, the congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Carstairs,* gathered together in the Church Hall for the Family Mission Night, which was organized by the Afternoon W. M. S. Auxiliary of that Church. This began with a Pot Luck Supper, and a Musical Programme followed. Mrs. P. Weber, Auxiliary Secretary, gave a brief résumé of the work done in Canada by the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. This "Family Night" has now become an Annual Event in Knox Presbyterian Church. Beginning a few years ago as a Supper Meeting for Home Helpers and Auxiliary members, it has now become a Congregational Mission Night and the collections are given for the Mission Work of the W. M. S.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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HURON PRESBYTERIAL — Kintail Camp, on *Lake Huron* was buzzing with activity the week-end of September 20-22, when 45 C. G. I. T. girls and 15 Leaders, from *Huron, Maitland,* and *Bruce* Presbyterials gathered there for a Retreat. Camp Directors were Mrs. J. K. West, of *Hamilton,* and Mrs. Ross MacDonald, *Hensall.* Bible Study Groups were conducted by Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon, who also led the Vesper Services and the Morning Worship on Sunday. Miss Marjorie McIntosh, of *Tiverton,* who was chosen Chief Camper, was in charge of the Sunday Morning Worship Service. Miss Clare Hanes, Regional Secretary, conducted the Workshop for Leaders. Coloured Slides were shown by Miss Hazel Macdonald, of *Goderich,* on Friday evening, and on Saturday evening, fun and games, followed by a Campfire on the beach, provided recreation and happy fellowship together. Keen, crisp air meant keen appetites, and the delicious meals, prepared by Mrs. Van der Mark, of *Walkerton,* and her staff, were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. This was the first such Retreat to be held in this area, but it is hoped that this may be the beginning of similar, regular, Annual Retreats.

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL — The Executive Meeting of *Hamilton* and *London* Synodical was held in New St. James Presbyterian Church, *London,* with President, Mrs. Donald MacInnis, presiding, and the Devotional Periods given by Mrs. Stanley MacPherson, *Paris,* Mrs. W. L. Speir, *Brussels,* and Mrs. John Smith, *Bear Line.* Excellent Reports of the Annual Council Meeting in *Toronto,* were given by the Council Representatives, Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon, of *Hamilton,* and Mrs. George Anderson of *London,* as well as the Synodical Delegates, Mrs. W. Carr, of *Stratford,* Mrs. W. Speir, of *Brussels,* and Mrs. G. A. Gordier, of *London.* The Evening Department Conference, in *Kingston,* was reported by Mrs. Elwood Roe, of *Atwood*; Mrs. J. K. West, of *Hamilton,* told of the Summer Camps; Mrs. R. S. Burnham, of *Sarnia* spoke on the Leadership Training School, at *Belleville.* Presidents and Secretaries of each Presbyterial presented their Reports, and Mrs. Arthur Hamilton discussed the plans for the Anniversaries

Celebrations in *Montreal,* next May. Miss Clare Hanes, Regional Secretary, outlined her work since the last Meeting. The Annual Meeting of this Synodical will be held in New St. James Presbyterian Church, *London,* April 6-8, 1964. The Goforth W. M. S. Auxiliary of the Hostess Church served a delicious dinner.

At a recent Meeting of the Afternoon Auxiliary of the W. M. S. of Alma Street Presbyterian Church, *St. Thomas,* an Honorary Membership was presented to Mrs. J. K. West, who, with her husband, the Rev. J. K. West, is leaving *St. Thomas* to live in *Hamilton,* where Mr. West has accepted a Call to a *Hamilton* church. Mrs. Joseph Fleming read the Address, and the Presentation was made by Mrs. Wm. Zimmerman. A Pin was presented by Mrs. Robert Calder, and Mrs. J. Reitweld, on behalf of the C.O.C. and the Explorers, to whom Mrs. West has given splendid leadership. The President, Mrs. C. A. Porter, expressed the regret of the Auxiliary at losing both Rev. and Mrs. J. K. West from their midst, and a corsage was presented to Mrs. West by Mrs. D. T. Parker, and pinned on by Mrs. John Reith.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL — The C.G.I.T. Group of First Presbyterian Church, *Port Colbourne,* under the Leadership of Mrs. D. Hamilton and Miss Barbara Page, report an active and interesting Programme. At their Annual Mother - and - Daughter Banquet, Mrs. E. Spencer, of *Fort Erie,* was Guest Speaker, and nine girls graduated from Explorers into C.G.I.T. during the Programme. Last year, a Guest Book was presented to the Church, by the girls, and this year, at the dedication of the newly-enlarged Sanctuary, the C.G.I.T. presented a beautiful, lighted stand for the Guest Book, and, at the Official Opening Ceremonies, wearing their C.G.I.T. uniforms, the girls attended the Guest Book and invited the many visitors to register.

A successful Strawberry Dessert Tea was jointly held by the Anna Gray W.M.S. Auxiliary, and the Afternoon W.M.S. Auxiliary, of *Chippawa* Presbyterian Church, the proceeds of which were given for the Anniversaries Projects. In the absence of Mrs. J. S. Adams, guests were welcomed by Mrs. Andrew Dobie, and Mrs. Walter Baker of the Anna Gray W.M.S. Auxiliary, was co-hostess.

The E. May Duncanson Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Fort Erie,* held a Tea to commemorate the founding of the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, when Mrs. E. C. McLarnon, and Mrs. E. W. Spencer, received the many guests. A Display of Dolls, in native dress from nearly all the countries of the world, was a highlight of the Afternoon.

Tribute was paid by the Press Secretary to the splendid work done by members of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, *Dunnville,* in planning and presenting most interesting Programmes, all of which stress particularly the Study Programme for the Year. Their local newspaper, the Dunnville Chronicle, gives wonderful coverage to their Meetings and thus presents their work, and information of the W.M.S. Missionary outreach, to the whole Community. A recent Meeting, with the Programme on "Korea, Koreans in Japan, and Their Churches", was prepared by Mrs. John Cochran and Miss Helen Harkley, and held in the Sunday School Hall of the Church, with all members taking part.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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EAST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL—A devoted and beloved worker in the Presbyterian Church in Canada; the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) and this Presbyterial; was called to her reward last August, in the person of Miss Annie A. Noble, A.T.C.M., who, for 27 years, served as Deaconess at Queen Street East Presbyterian Church, *Toronto.* At the time of her retirement, in 1944, a stained glass window was unveiled in that Church, in loving appreciation of her faithful services there, and to all who needed her in the surrounding district. A talented musician, the highlight of her Conservatory Recital, in 1898, was Miss Noble's rendition of "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth", from Handel's "Messiah", and this was the key to her service and devotion, as it was the Theme of the funeral service in her Church, conducted by her Minister, the Rev. J. C. Robson, assisted by the Rev. Kenneth House, and the Rev. Ronald Mulchey.

Miss Noble was born in *Norval,* and graduated from the Toronto Presbyterian Ladies College, the Toronto Conservatory of Music; and the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School (in 1917), now Ewart College. The Church was truly her life-work, both in Toronto and in *Norval,* where she served as Sunday School Teacher and as Choir Leader, and her life was a real inspiration to all who knew her. The sympathy of our Society goes out to her sister, Mrs. A. A. Laing, of *Guelph,* the only surviving member of her immediate family.

"Thanksgiving" was the theme of the Fall Rally of East Toronto Presbyterial, when President, Mrs. Howard Hogg, presided, and the Devotional Periods were given by the Rev. D. G. Seaton, Minister of Leaside Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* in which the Rally was held, and Mrs. B. A. P. Allen, of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, *Oshawa.* Mrs. E. Graves was Soloist, and Leaside C.G.I.T. sang twice. Guest Speakers at the Afternoon Session were Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry, Editor of The Glad Tidings, and

Executive Director of the Publications Department; and Mrs. W. R. Adamson, Past President of Council Executive, and now Chairman of the Publications Committee. Mrs. Cherry outlined the scope of the work of the Publications Department, and gave the background and growth of "The Glad Tidings", magazine, stressing its value and importance to the women of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Mrs. Adamson told what the W.M.S. Magazine had meant to her throughout the years. Both speakers urged the co-operation of all W.M.S. members in the Publications Anniversaries Project — "25,000 Subscribers in 1964"—and pointed out that five extra subscriptions from each Group, would make that total an accomplished fact. Mrs. F. C. Knox, of *India,* spoke on her work on the *Bhil Field,* when she was Guest Speaker at the Evening Session. Miss Jo-Ann Hawkes told of *Glen Mhor Camp,* and Mrs. L. Robertson reported the W.M.S. Training Centre at *Belleville.* An interesting Pageant giving the history of East Toronto Presbyterial, was presented by Presbyterial members, wearing costumes of the various periods.

ORANGEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — At the Sectional Rally of this Presbyterial, held in Knox Presbyterian Church, *Grand Valley,* Mrs. F. C. Knox, of the *Bhil Field, India,* was Guest Speaker, and Mrs. McGuiness, of *Grand Valley,* presided and welcomed members. The Devotional Period was given by Mrs. Alex Black, of *Grand Valley* and Mrs. Maxwell, of *Erin.* Mrs. Glen Simpson and Mrs. Harry Simpson of *Marsville* sang a duet, and Mrs. V. Turner gave a Solo. Mrs. R. D. Fraser, President of *Orangeville* Presbyterial spoke on the Anniversaries Projects. Mrs. E. K. Beam, of *Grand Valley* gave the Courtesies Report.

WEST TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. John C. McFarlane, President, was in the Chair at the Fall Rally of this Presbyterial, held in Coldstream Presbyterian Church, *Toronto,* and Mrs. O. J. Davies, President of the Janet Geggie Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, *Toronto* conducted the Worship Service. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" was the Rally Theme, and Mrs. A. C. Jennings was Soloist. Greetings were brought by Dr. Perry, Moderator of West Toronto Presbytery; Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Council Executive; Mrs. W. Black, Vice-President of Toronto and Kingston Synodical; and Mrs. Howard Hogg, President of East Toronto Presbyterial. Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A., Executive Director of Organization, and Miss May Nutt, Assistant in the Adult Department, introduced the 1963-64 Study for Adult Groups, and the Evening Guest Speaker was Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Executive Director of Overseas Missions. The Rev. K. E. Wilcox, B.A., B.D., also gave an Address.

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